

THREE LIVES LOST WHEN DREDGE SINKS

Another Injured as Result of River Collision.

PORTLAND IS STRUCK

Freighter Santa Clara Sinks Craft to Bottom of River; 39 Men in Crew of Dredge.

Three men were drowned and another was injured aboard the pipeline dredge Portland, sunk at 12:35 o'clock yesterday morning when struck by the intercoastal freighter Santa Clara. The accident occurred at a bend in the east channel at the lower end of Swan Island, a short distance below the Portland Flouring Mills company's plant.

Of 39 in the crew four were known to have been ashore at the time. The Beaver crew was:

Ben Welting, fuel passer, 58 years of age. Thomas Campbell, fireman, 45 years of age. Benjamin G. Johnson, carpenter, 69 years of age.

Injuries in the way of contusions on the left elbow and hip were taken by Frank O'Connor, who was rescued by St. Vincent's hospital and is expected to leave there tomorrow.

Freighter Headed for Sea. The big freighter was headed for sea, having left terminal No. 1 about midnight on her way to Grays Harbor, after having discharged a few hundred tons of New York cargo here. She was upstream from the dredge when she was struck by the steamer Beaver, arriving from the lower river, and reports were that Captain S. S. Dalby, pilot aboard the Santa Clara, was unable to swing the Santa Clara to avoid the dredge after having given the Beaver a warning.

When it became apparent the ship would strike a donkeyscow, at the end of the dredge pipeline, Captain Dalby ordered the anchor let go and the engine reversed, sounding the whistle danger signal. The alarm was credited to a close inspection of some of the men on the dredge, the day shift being asleep on the port side, and perhaps averted more deaths.

The ship was said to have carried the donkeyscow and pipeline, with its floating pontoons and other gear, remaining on the pipeline and dredge on the port side, the hull being cut. So great was the pressure from the big vessel that the dredge was turned completely around, her bow virtually heading upstream at the time she careened and settled on her beam ends. She sank in two minutes.

Campbell Thought Caught. Andrew Smith, a fireman, whose berth was above that occupied by Campbell, said when he was aroused by the danger signal and commotion he had time to notice that Campbell was out of his berth, so it was assumed he was caught in the wreckage. Smith jumped into the water and swam to a fuel barge, which had been cut loose from the dredge and on which many of the men had managed to climb. Others had gone over the side and were swimming to it.

O'Connor was hauling a net when the fuel barge was cut loose from the dredge and on going overboard was entangled in wreckage which he was said to account for the bruises.

The Santa Clara stood by but it is alleged slow response was made to calls of the crew. The vessel was taken off, delay following in getting lifeboats into the water. It was asserted that had the steamer Beaver stood closer to the wreck, signals were given much assistance could have been rendered.

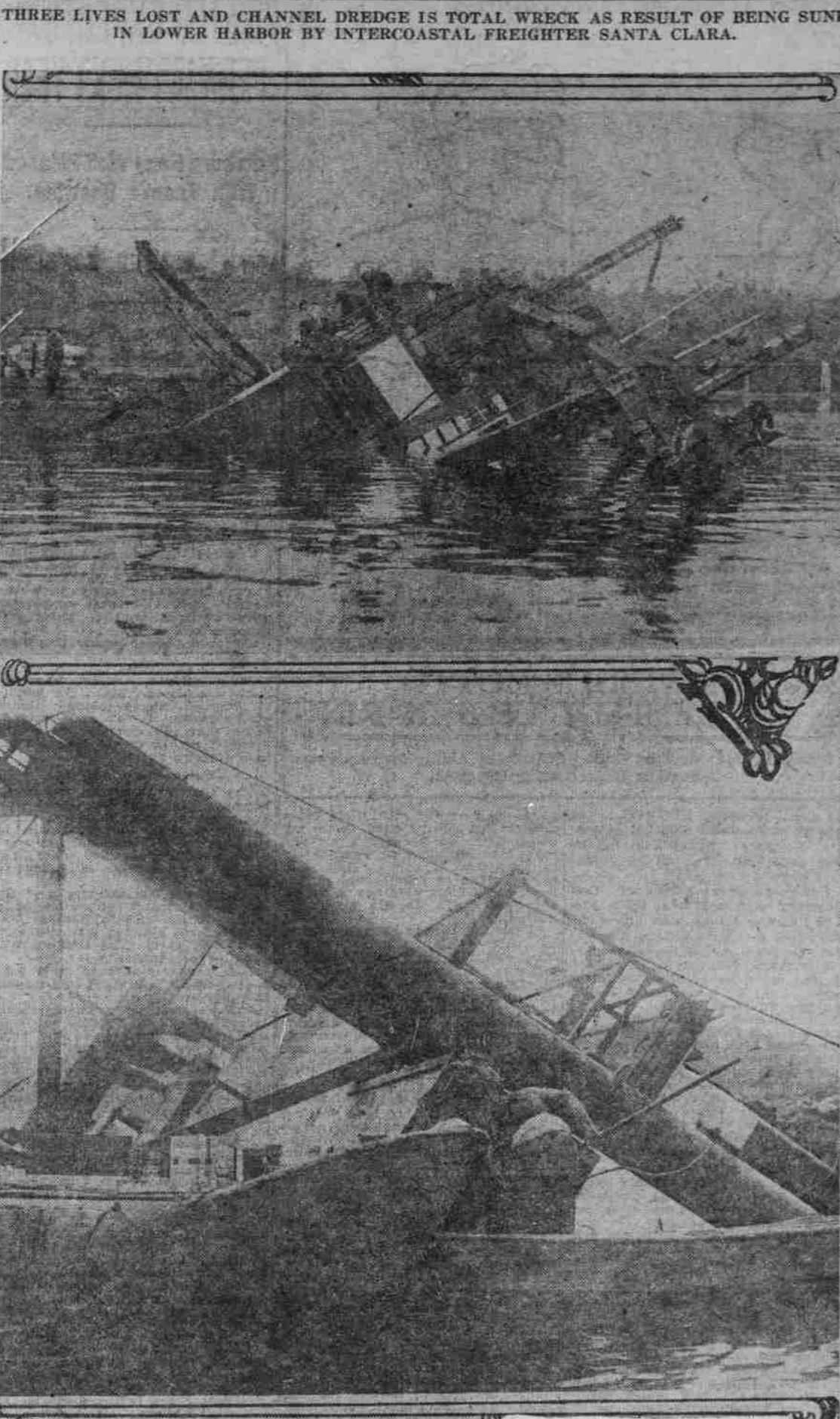
Portland Is Total Loss. The Portland is a total loss, according to James W. Sweeney, manager of the Port of Portland, who went to the scene before daybreak to advise a close inspection of the position of the dredge. As a result of the accident libel proceedings were instituted against the Santa Clara in the sum of \$100,000 and a deputy United States marshal started for Astoria to intercept the vessel.

Ben Welting, who had been employed by the port for about ten years, had gone off shift at midnight, while Thomas Campbell, who had been in the service of the port and Benjamin G. Johnson, who was said to have been with the port organization more than 15 years, were of the day shift and had been asleep. Mr. Welting's record shows he had no relatives in this city, the nearest kin being cousins residing at North Dakota, and Minnesota. Mr. Campbell left a wife and 15-year-old son, residing at 1201 Fifty-fifth avenue Southeast. Mr. Johnson had no relatives so far as the office records indicate.

The dredge had completed a cut 1000 feet long on the west side of the channel Friday and was turned around to extend the cut at lower end, so it is declared not to have been in the main channel when which the Santa Clara was headed before passing the Beaver. Mr. Fotheringham says Captain Dalby told him the Santa Clara "took a shaver" after the Beaver passed and he exercised all possible care in swinging the dredge around, putting the engine full astern and sounding the danger signal.

Captain James Blake, master of the Portland; J. J. Layton, chief engineer; M. J. Malons, machinist, and some of the crew were at the beach at the time. O. L. Boster, leverman on duty, made every effort to lift one of the "rapids," huge timbers that hold the digger in position when at work, also to lift the ladder, so some of the force of the impending crash might be lessened. The dredge allowed to swing with the ship, but the impact allowed him little time. He managed to lift only the ladder, or rather a short distance from the river bed.

Wireless Message Sent. Captain Stephenson, master of the Santa Clara, sent a wireless message at 1:07 o'clock, setting forth that the Portland had been sunk and asking for aid to take the crew off. The message was picked up by an operator at Eureka, Cal., also by a private station at Vancouver, Wash. The operator of the



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latter telephoned the towboat Portland, lying at the Hoyt street moorings of the Port of Portland, and the Columbia River Pilots' association a few months ago. Officials of the Port of Portland have been concerned themselves with caring for the crew and the matter of raising the dredge will be considered this week. She was the first dredge built for the port, having been finished in 1928, and has a wooden hull, whereas the others are of steel. She was of the 30-inch type while the Williams, Dalatin and Columbia are 30-inch machines. Relatives of men on the other dredges were much concerned yesterday as to the probability of their having been shifted to the Portland recently, so many anxious inquiries reached the office.

UPHOLSTERERS YET OUT Contest With Employers Becomes Test of Endurance. Though rumors of peace in the existing strike of upholsterers were current a week ago, nothing that would end the walkout of 25 employees of local furniture and mattress factories has happened as yet. The strike, called about six weeks ago, has received into a test of endurance.

Ship Left at Astoria. Captain Dalby left the ship at Astoria and on his report being filed with inspectors Edwards and Wray of the United States Steamvessel Inspection service, an investigation will be conducted. Captain Dalby was discharged from the service.

Tigard Fair Opens Saturday. All is in readiness for the best fair ever held at Tigard, next Saturday, according to E. T. Trotter, general manager of the Washington county fair association, and the coming show, it is promised, will eclipse all previous efforts. Live stock, poultry, fine yields of all the crops for which Washington county is well known, with manufactured farm products and work of the boys and girls division, for which special money prizes have been set aside, will be displayed in most tempting fashion, said Mr. Trotter, and a visit to the fair will be well worth the both from an information as well as an entertaining standpoint.

Liquor Swindle Is Revealed. Thirty attendants at gasoline filling stations have contributed in the last two weeks to the support of an Italian who has made the rounds of the twosome or more stations in the city with the information that a small sum of \$150, perhaps \$2, was all he needed to complete the purchase of a case of excellent Scotch whisky. And moreover, he promised to anyone so kind as to supply the small sum one good quart of the excellent whisky, to be delivered at a future date. Wary of waiting for the future date, six or seven of his dupes have reported the case to the police.

Poultry Men In Session. WINLOCK, Wash., Oct. 14.—(Special)—The meeting of the members of the Washington Co-operative Egg and Poultry Association held this week at Winlock was the largest gathering of its kind ever held here. D. S. McDole, assistant secre-

COURT TAX RULING SHELL NECESSARY

Levies in Excess of Limitation Questioned.

MUCH DEPENDS ON WORD

Exact Meaning of "Any" in Limitation Yet to Be Decided, Says Henry E. Reed.

Permanent, fixed levies, authorized by the voters, beyond the 5 per cent tax limitation, such as the millage taxes for the state university, agricultural colleges and normal schools, the levies for market roads, elementary schools and the like, as well as the 3-mill tax in the city of Portland, must be passed on by the state supreme court to determine their validity, according to Henry E. Reed, ex-county assessor.

Mr. Reed, who has made a careful study of the constitutional provision limiting tax levies is inclined to disagree with the views taken by members of the tax supervisory and conservative committees that unless the special levies are voted for a specific term of years they are not valid.

The validity of permanent fixed levies that are placed outside the limitation is an unadjudicated question, and sooner or later will find its way into the supreme court for a ruling, Mr. Reed said. When the issue is made up the decision of the court will be on the meaning of one little word of three letters—the word "any" as it occurs before the word "year" in the opening sentence of the constitutional limitation, which reads as follows: "Unless specifically authorized by the voters of any county, municipality, district or body to which the levy is made, no tax shall be levied or assessed in any year so expressed that power."

Mr. Reed points out that in grammatical construction the word "any" unless followed by the word "one" is taken in the plural sense. He points to court decisions in which "any" means to mean "all" and other decisions where it is construed to mean "every."

As used in the tax limitation amendment adopted in 1916, the words "any year" would appear to support the construction of "all years" or "each one of all years." Mr. Reed contended "if this is correct, and the point can be determined only by a supreme court decision—then the permanent millage taxes for the university, agricultural college and normal schools, as well as other similar state levies, are valid.

FOURTH-GRADE PUPIL, AGED 6, ASPIRES TO BE PRESIDENT

Mother Says Progress Due Largely to Obedience—Youngster's Intelligence Declared by Educator to Be Unusual.

DURWOOD LEE ALKIRE, who will be 6 years old on Saturday and is a pupil in the fourth grade at Arleta school, would seem to have a fair start toward his life's goal of president of the United States. Durwood is the son of Mrs. Alkire and had never attended any school until this fall, when he qualified in examination and was allowed to enter the fourth grade. His first report card showed practically every grade "A."

Durwood's education began in the nurseries when his mother curled his long blonde hair. When she found that he grasped readily all she offered, she gradually offered more. At the age of 3 he knew his letters and at 4 he was reading his primer. He was reading at 4 years he never lacked for love, but I have tried to give a right expression of that love."

The little boy of 6 does not impress one as a precocious child. He is merely a well-trained boy, quite evenly developed. His manners have not been neglected. He is capable never pronounced and he speaks with a babyish accent. He is always sure of his information and upon being asked a question he quietly says "I don't know, but I will find out." "Durwood is certainly the most remarkable child I have ever seen," said T. E. Speirs, principal of Arleta school. "He is evenly developed and has the reasoning power of a child of 10. He reads and understands the advance of an eighth grade."

SCHOOLS URGED TO TEACH STUDENTS HOW TO LIVE

Complete Existence, How to Think, Work, Save, and Be Happy in Social Environment, Declared Necessary to Student.

Views of a present-day educator on the subject of education are summed up in a paper called "What Knowledge is Most Worth?" by Constantine M. Pannuzio, head of the department of sociology at the University of Wisconsin. Professor Pannuzio used the substance of the paper as an address which he delivered before the association meeting of the Oregon conference of the Methodist church, recently held in Salem. Excerpts from his address follow: "As the schools of the state of Oregon once more throw open their doors to thousands of pupils, once again comes to mind the question: What knowledge is most worth? Should the school aim to give general and indefinite information or should it strive to furnish the student with information of a definite and practical character? The answer, bearing upon life? Spencer believed in the latter. He severely criticized the educational system of his day.

How to Live Right. "If it be true that education, instead of imparting indefinite and aimless knowledge, should rather teach youth to consider: How to care for the body, how to treat the mind, how to manage one's affairs, how to bring up a family—how to behave as a citizen, how to utilize all the resources of nature which nature supplies, how to use the faculties to the greatest advantage

HUNDREDS OF ARMENIAN ORPHANS RESCUED FROM ADVANCE OF TURKS AND SMYRNA FIRE



Above—Orphans en route from Smyrna to Constantinople aboard destroyer Litchfield. Below—Orphan boys at the orphanage of New York, near east relief nurse, and American orphans rescued from Smyrna.

levy for general fund purposes voted by the people of Portland and re-enacted in 1916. But Mrs. Reed admits that the tax commission has the upper hand and hence the city must have the 3-mill tax ratified again by the voters at the November election and approved by the supreme court. Mr. Reed points out, would put to an end the expensive elections that would be necessary in case the question is not finally adjudicated.

4 CHILDREN INHERITED

Tacoma ex-Mayor to Rear Parentless Youngsters.

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 14.—(Special)—W. W. Seymour, ex-mayor of Tacoma, went east on business a childless man, but he will return with four youngsters, the oldest 12 years of age, all of whom he will rear.

The children, a boy and three girls, are the grandchildren of Mrs. Seymour's brother, Julius Seymour, wealthy New York broker, who recently died.

Both parents are dead, leaving the Tacoma man the nearest living relative able to bring up the children properly. The ex-mayor has already had a taste of the task ahead of him and he is now looking for government pamphlets and books on how to bring up children.

He will return with his family to Tacoma soon.

Accessory Theft Is Profession.

Theft of auto accessories is developing into a profession, even the law itself is not exempt from the depredations of the gang that work at night in the city and suburbs. Circuit Judge Evans reported to the police yesterday the loss of tires from his car Friday night when the machine was parked on 1st and Park streets, and Tuesday night when it was in front of 635 East Twenty-first street, North.

Wednesday night, a group of men, who can report no progress for that night," reads the communication from the municipality of the law to the men who enforce it.

Valuable Copper-Platinum Ledges Secured.

Swiftest Ore Located Near Headwaters Sixes River in Curry County.

THE Coos Copper company, with most of its stockholders in Marshfield, has received its patent for the Copper King and Bureka ledges, situated in the Grants mountain district in Curry county, says the Marshfield News.

The history of the mine extends back for several years. Into the war period, when mining man undertook to operate it and spent several thousand dollars, and then failed. Deeds contracted by him were paid off, and the company now is in good condition.

The mine and ledges have been located in a territory which has a high percentage of platinum, including some cobalt. The Coos Copper company has secured a lease on the ledges. Assays on ore taken from the mine show in some instances as high as 25 per cent copper. The company has a large amount of platinum, and there also are silver and gold.

The company's property was located some years ago by E. W. Bryan, well known as a prospector of expert knowledge. This mine is the center of a vast territory, which comprises the headwaters of the Sixes river, and the tracings of platinum run from that vicinity to the ocean, along the river.

American Veteran Is Hero by Accident.

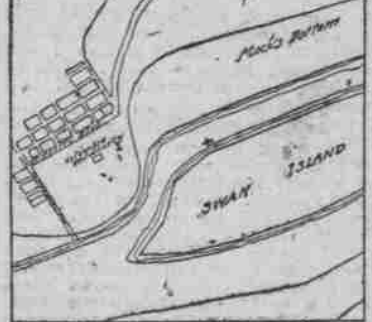
Battle Over Before He Knew He Had Crushed Enemy All Alone.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Oct. 14.—Getting along happily in the Spanish foreign legion in Morocco was a matter of getting used to Spanish cooking, according to E. H. Kassard of New Orleans, a veteran of the A. E. F., who enlisted in the Spanish army here a year ago and saw fighting on the Moroccan front. Kassard, who recently returned, was awarded a Spanish military cross for bravery. He described the incident for which it was awarded as "an accident."

"I was on duty," he said, "my regiment was ordered to a long hill to the position of the Moore at the top. I was running low and shooting and was just about to stop when the Moore broke from cover and I saw that I was all alone.

"Did you see that crazy American?" an officer yelled to another, and he rushed up to me, patted me on the back and said, 'Good boy! wait right here.' Pretty soon a general came along and pinned the cross on me. Honestly, I didn't know I was alone out there. I went until after the battle was all over."

Social Training Needed. "There is still another consideration, the one of perhaps paramount importance. We may teach our students how to care for the body, how best to earn a livelihood, how to save, how to think, how to create



Upper—General view of sunken dredge Portland, illustrating angle at which she settled in 35 feet of water. Lower—Close up of stern, showing searchers. Inset—Drawing of channel with cross marking position of wreck.

factory and office manager of Seattle, Frank Swayne of Centralia, and Carl Laake of Winlock were the principal speakers. The new membership contract was fully discussed. Members are to vote on a proposed increase in the capital stock from \$250,000 to \$300,000.

Pineapple Company Expands.

HONOLULU, T. H., Oct. 13.—(Special)—Getting ready for future growth, the Hawaiian Pineapple company has made it possible to be able to increase its stock to \$25,000,000, and added three new directors, James D. Dole, president of the Hawaiian Pineapple company, announced that the proposed stock dividend of 55 per cent, based on the old capitalization of \$2,600,000, would not be authorized until after the first of the year.

PUSH AND PULL FOR PORTLAND, CANDIDATE'S SLOGAN.



Charles S. Haacker, who has been a resident and business man of Portland for the last 22 years, has announced that his slogan in his campaign for city commissioner will be "Push and Pull for Portland."

Mr. Haacker is senior partner in the Palace Market. He is married, has one child and resides at 423 East Oak street. He is a member of Camp No. 77, Woodmen of the World. His platform is "Honesty from start to finish."

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