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110 LOSE LIVES IN WRECK OF STAR OF BENGAL OFF ALASKA

Capt. Wagner of Lost Ship, Accuses Tug Captains of Cowardice.

SAYS THEY COULD HAVE SAVED ALL

Threatens to Send Them to San Quentin For Criminal Acts.

(By Associated Press.)

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 23.—The local United States Signal Corps office received the following message from Port Wrangell, Alaska, where the cable steamer Burnside had returned after visiting the wreck of the Star Bengal; "on arrival of the scene of wreck, it was found that the tug boat that remained in the vicinity had rescued the survivors, twenty-seven in all. The 110 drowned included nine white men and the remainder, it is understood, were Chinese. The vessel is a total loss."

Makes Serious Charges.

A cable late today from Port Wrangell says that Captain Wagner of the Star Bengal, was unconscious for an hour after being rescued. He charges the captains of the tugs Kyak and Hattie Gage who cut loose from him with rank cowardice. Being unable to speak above a whisper, Wagner wrote the following, "When the tugs cut their tow line, we were lying in ten fathoms of water for four hours and hoped for help from tugs. We burned blue lights, but the tugs would not come in. Had they done so, every man aboard would have been saved. I will send both the tug captains to San Quentin if possible for their cowardice." The tug captains say the water was too rough for the tugs to come along side. The survivors number twenty-seven. The ship broke in three pieces and is a total loss.

SEND APPLES TO HARRIMAN

Box of Gravensteins Will Be Forwarded to Magnate By Coos Bay.

A box of Coos Bay's noted product—the Gravenstein apple—will be expressed today or tomorrow to E. H. Harriman with the compliments of the citizens of Coos Bay. The box of apples selected is one that E. A. Seaman sent down from his Coos River orchard for exhibit at the Chamber of Commerce. The apples are especially fine ones, being large, well formed and sound.

The size and quality of the apples made such an impression on Col. Holabird, Mr. Harriman's special representative on Coos Bay, that he expressed a wish that Mr. Harriman could see them. Immediately Col. Wm. Grimes and Dr. J. T. McCormac decided to forward the box to Mr. Harriman.

It has been suggested that a note be enclosed in the box stating that this is but a sample of a product that the Coos Bay country can produce in almost unlimited quantities as soon as railroad facilities furnish markets for them.

General Manager C. J. Mills and the residents of Coos Bay are extending every courtesy possible to Col. Holabird and are endeavoring to show him all the beauty spots as well as the productive ones of this section. Last evening, he returned from the Coquille Valley and this morning he and Mr. Mills, Dr. McCormac and Col. Grimes started for a trip up both forks of Coos River in Mr. Mills' launch, the Beaver.

WHEAT, oats and barley at Haines. Read the Times' Want Ads.

SHIP AGROUND AT NEWPORT

Vessel Runs On Reef Off Rhode Island Coast In Fog.

(By Associated Press.)

NEWPORT, Ore., Sept. 23.—The cruiser Yankee, from Cuttyhunk for Newport, in a thick fog early today, ran aground on Spindle rock, but is resting easy. The sea is calm. It is reported that she is leaking in one compartment. The tender Nina has gone to her assistance and several other vessels are in readiness.

FIFTY HURT IN COLLISION

Electric Cars Crash In Fog Near Philadelphia This Morning.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 23.—A fog was responsible for a head on collision today between two cars, between this city and Chester, in which about fifty were injured, several probably fatally. One car with seventy-two employees of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, on board, was speeding along on the single track when the car from Chester loomed up in the fog. Before the brakes could be applied an awful crash came. A score or more sustained broken limbs and many others were more or less injured.

WILL CONTEST MANY CLAIMS

U. S. Land Department Will Try to Cancel Valley Homesteads.

According to Geo. W. Gage, the Riverton coal mine proprietor, Inspector McGuire of the United States Land Office, will institute contests on about seventy-five homesteads in the Coquille Valley, alleging that the land homesteaded is and was more valuable for coal than for timber or agriculture. Mr. McGuire has been investigating the lands in the Coquille for some time and has not completed his task yet.

When the contests will be filed has not been announced, but it will probably be some time as Mr. McGuire will have to make detailed reports of each claim to be contested and these will have to be passed on by the legal branch of the United States Land Office Department.

Mr. Gage has just completed sinking a new prospect hole at Riverton and found a five-foot vein at a comparatively slight depth. He expects to open a new mine soon.

PEABODY IS DEAD.

One of Harry Thaw's Lawyers Succumbs Suddenly.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—A Russell Peabody, one of the leading attorneys for the defense of Harry Thaw, died suddenly today at Babylon, N. Y., of pneumonia.

To the show going people—I wish to say that I guarantee my shows Wednesday and Thursday to be first class or REFUND MONEY. We are not another fake.—Yours respectfully, PROF. GODFREY.

UPHOLDS CHARGE AGAINST HASKELL

Frank S. Monnett Declares That Story of Oklahoma Governor's Connection With Standard Oil Came From Squires.

(By Associated Press.)

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sept. 23.—"If I charged Governor Chas. N. Haskell wrongfully it was because Chas. B. Squire gave me his name." Frank S. Monnett, former attorney general, today made this statement on the private car of Wm. J. Bryan while en route to this city from Prospect. Monnett declared, however, that he

could not exonerate Haskell from the charges that have been made that he was a party to the \$500,000 bribe fund of the Standard Oil Company, nor could he condemn him.

"All I have against Mr. Haskell is hear say evidence and have suggested that if the case is presented to the grand jury it would be shown whether Haskell was wrongfully accused."

Monnett denied that he made speeches in Oklahoma exonerating Haskell, but said that in fairness to the governor he had stated the facts as they had come to him, and that if the charges were proved, he would return to Oklahoma at his own expense and denounce him.

DAMAGE SUITS ARE DECIDED

Circuit Court Juries at Coquille Not Very Liberal in Their Awards.

(Special to The Times.)

COQUILLE, Ore., Sept. 23.—The noted \$196,000 damage case of Jones vs. Jacobson was ended in circuit court here by the jury returning a verdict for \$300 for the plaintiff, the sum originally offered him. Jacobson had the contract from the government for the lower Coquille river improvements and secured some material off Jones' land. They could not agree as to the value of the material and Jones sued for the full amount received by Jacobson from the government for his work.

Another noted damage suit that was decided was that of Curtis Andrews vs. Rose Ferry for \$5,000. The jury refused to allow him any damages. The case was the outgrowth of family troubles and Mrs. Ferry's efforts to aid her little niece, Mrs. Ferry lives at Riverton. Her sister, Mrs. Andrews died leaving the family in rather poor circumstances and Mrs. Ferry took the ten-year-old Andrews girl. Andrews objected to her having the little one and the juvenile court sustained him. After recovering his daughter, he instituted the suit for damages against his sister-in-law, claiming she had kidnapped the child.

Jury Cases End.

The last jury case is being today. It is known as the "Myrtle Point Cow case," two ranchers claiming the same bovine. With the exception of the panel for this case, the jurymen were dismissed at 9 o'clock this morning by Judge Hamilton. The others will be dismissed as soon as they return a verdict in the case they are now on.

The Tupper case will be taken up tomorrow by Judge Hamilton. The action of Chas. Stauff vs. E. M. Ward and Major L. D. Kinney, on some promissory notes, was continued to September by stipulation.

LONG BRIDGE IS WRECKED

Rumors of Plot Cause Investigation of Disaster On B. & O. in Maryland.

(By Associated Press.)

HAVRE DE GRACE, Maryland, Sept. 23.—Through the collapse of a span, nearly six hundred feet long, of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad bridge over the Susquehanna river at this point early today, twelve loaded cars were carried down. One man was probably fatally hurt. The bridge was being rebuilt and double tracked. Reports are current that the bridge was tampered with and dynamite was concealed in different parts of the structure. An investigation is now under way.

The loss is estimated at \$400,000. STEAMER BREAKWATER sailed from Marshfield for Portland, Saturday, September 26, at 10 a. m.

COOS COUNTY ASSESSMENT

Property Is Valued at \$14,069,071, An Increase of \$228,180 Over Last Year.

COQUILLE, Ore., Sept. 23.—The Sentinel prints the following summary of the 1908 assessment of Coos county which has just been completed by Assessor T. J. Thrift:

"The valuation of the assessable property for this year amounts to \$14,069,071, after deducting the exemption of \$148,685. Last year the total assessment was \$13,536,261 with no exemptions allowed, but if the same exemption is taken from last year's assessment, it then shows an increase in the values of the property in Coos county to be \$228,180, which is encouraging from the fact that business was more lively last year than this.

"Last year's money assessed amounted to \$16,434. This year we have \$53,770. Last year accounts and notes amounted to \$279,755. This year's return is \$295,595, a difference of only \$15,840. The rolls show the following summary for 1908:

"Tillable acres, 16,845; untillable 734,657 acres. The former valued at \$963,280; and the latter \$7,214,896. Improvements of deeded lands, \$544,630. Town and City lots, \$2,732,099. Improvements on lands not deeded, \$16,465. Miles of railroad bed, 47, valued at \$184,900; miles of telephone, 313, valued at \$6,404; railroad rolling stock valued at \$39,425; steamboats, stationary engines and manufacturing machinery valued at \$389,843; merchandise and stock in trade valued at \$328,760; farming implements, wagons, carriages, etc., \$41,860; money on hand, \$53,770; notes and accounts, \$295,595; shares of stock, \$56,485; household furniture, watches, jewelry, etc., \$159,852; 2365 horses and mules, \$94,670; 13,487 cattle, \$178,365; sheep and goats, 7186, valued at \$10,817; 2265 swine at \$3,473; 494 dogs at \$3,497; exemption, \$148,685. Total value of all property, \$14,069,071."

CONSUL LAIDLAW LIKES THE COOS BAY COUNTRY

Representative of the British Government Is Favorably Impressed—Won't Name Vice-Consul.

James Laidlaw, the British consul at Portland, who is spending a few days on Coos Bay as the guest of J. W. Bennett, is greatly pleased with the Coos Bay country. The natural beauty of the place and its great possibilities and resources surpassed even the glowing tales that he had heard of this section. Today, Mr. Laidlaw visited the C. A. Smith mill as the guest of General Manager J. E. Oren. A fishing trip is planned for him tomorrow and trips to the various scenic points will probably follow during his stay here.

Mr. Laidlaw's trip was to determine whether or not to name a vice-consul for Coos Bay. It is not likely that he will appoint a vice-consul here at present, but will do so just as soon as the foreign shipping from this port warrants it.

"MAGPIE" VEILING, a full line at the Clarke Millinery.

SENATOR BOURNE PROMISES TO AID COOS BAY DEVELOPMENT

WILL INVITE BOURNE HERE

Oregon Senator Asked to Visit Coos Bay—Arrange For Friday Meeting.

At a meeting of the subscribers to the fund for maintaining the Chamber of Commerce for another year last evening, arrangements were made for the annual meeting of the organization Friday evening when an executive committee will be elected and plans completed for conducting the work. At the meeting, arrangements were made to urge Senator Jonathan Bourne to visit Coos Bay before he returns to Washington. As Senator Bourne had expressed a wish to come here this month, it is believed that he will accept the invitation sent him last evening by President McCormac.

If Senator Bourne is able to come, it is hoped to furnish him sufficient data concerning Coos Bay to enable him to secure the transfer of the \$23,000 remaining in the Coos Bay harbor fund so that it can be used in operating the dredge now here. This will be taken up as soon as congress convenes. In addition to this, Senator Bourne has signified his intention of making a strenuous fight to obtain the \$500,000 appropriation which was recommended by the United States War Department at the last session of congress for the improvement of the Coos Bay harbor.

It was also urged that Francis H. Clark be engaged by the Chamber of Commerce this winter to draft a bill to be enacted by the Oregon Legislature providing for the organizing of the port of Coos Bay which will have charge of the future improvements of the harbor.

Friday night, the members of the Chamber of Commerce will elect a new executive committee of nine members. About eighteen or twenty names will be voted on. The following candidates have been named and from them will be selected the nine:

Herbert Lockhart, J. W. Bennett, A. H. Stutsman, C. C. Going, G. W. Carleton, Hugh McLain, Chas. Stauff, C. W. Wolcott, F. A. Sacchi, J. E. Oren, Col. Wm. Grimes, W. R. Haines, C. W. Tower, Henry Sengstacken, Alva Doll, Dr. J. T. McCormac, P. A. Devers, I. S. Smith, M. C. Horton, D. L. Rood, Francis H. Clark, L. S. Kaufman, F. S. Dow and Dr. G. W. Leslie.

TERRIFIC WIND IS BLOWING OFF COAST

The storm that has been raging off the coast for the last couple of days abated slightly this morning but the wind is still blowing a gale. The Alliance crossed out about noon for Portland and the Czarina from San Francisco came in this morning. Capt. Dugan of the Czarina, says it is one of the stiffest winds that he has encountered in a long time. The Czarina was twenty-four hours in making the last sixty miles of the trip. The M. F. Plant is due in from San Francisco tonight, but will probably be a day late as a result of the severe storm.

TAFT STARTS TOUR.

(By Associated Press.)

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Sept. 23.—Taft today began the first of the three speech making-trips he is to accomplish before election day. He will address a meeting in Chicago tonight. He will visit unpolitically the farm of George Ade at Brook, Ind.

AN entertainment will be given on Tuesday evening, September 29, in the I. O. O. F. Hall, under the auspices of the Baptist "Ladies Aid Society." A splendid program is being prepared.

Gives Out Interview At Salem Pledging His Assistance to Harbor.

WILL VISIT HERE IN NEAR FUTURE

Declares That Government Officials Cannot Comprehend Great Possibilities.

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 23.—Senator Bourne was in Salem and met a number of the workers for the development of Western Oregon, and pledged himself to do all in his power to help the campaign for a deep sea harbor at Coos Bay, and for the opening of the Willamette river with free locks and canal, and a four-foot channel the year round to Corvallis. While a lot of politicians can think of nothing but personal penant politics, the men whom Bourne met Friday took him to a lunch, and talked straight from the shoulder for the development of this inland empire, and how to persuade Harriman to come through with a railroad across the state to let the products of the Willamette valley out to the markets of the world, and pull the stopper out of the bottle at Portland.

Will Visit Coos Bay.

Senator Bourne pledged himself to visit Coos Bay at an early day, and Oregon Development Congress, to be held at Roseburg some time next month. Senator Bourne became enthusiastic about Western Oregon, saying here was the future seat of political power, and that it behooved the whole delegation to awaken to the fact that the battle for opening a deep sea harbor where all the great Oregon coal mines were located was the big thing to look after. At the luncheon at Hotel Willamette he met Governor Chamberlain, Hal D. Patton, President C. L. McNary, of the Taft club; President Louis C. Stringer, of the Young Men's Republican club; D. A. Dinsmoor, of the Business Men's League; Col. E. Hofer, president of the Willamette Valley Development League, and other workers for the future greater Oregon.

Lauds Coos Bay.

"I have no doubt," said Senator Bourne, "with our favorable places on committees and the good, careful work, we can get whatever is necessary for the locks and canal at Oregon City, and can take care of Coos Bay and the other harbors. I want to spend a few days at Yaquina Bay and at Tillamook. But I am going to Coos Bay, too. If I could inspire the president or a single head of one of the great departments with one-tenth of the enthusiasm you gentlemen have for Coos Bay, that would be made one of the greatest harbors in the world. It would be cleared out, a seawall put around it, and made a great naval coal station for the Pacific fleet. Even little Japan would do that, and this great nation is neglecting a golden opportunity in leaving that harbor unprotected and undeveloped. Count me in on any program for Western Oregon."

Talked Little Politics.

Senator Bourne talked little about politics. He met friends in all parties, and was greeted very cordially at the state house by the governor, Justice Bean of the supreme court, Secretary of State Benson and other state officials. He was taken in an auto to the state fair, and occupied a box of honor at the races with Congressman Hawley, Senator Fulton and President Madlock. A continual stream of callers came up to the box, and his reception was very cordial. He returned to Portland in the evening, and said that he would spend several days in Marion county before returning to Washington.

PIANO STUDIO of Louis H. Boff, First Trust and Savings Bank building. Winter term now open.

All kinds of good feed at HAINES.