

PASSENGERS RESCUED OFF OHIO BROUGHT TO VANCOUVER TODAY

Steamer Rupert City Brings In
131 Rescued From
Disaster.

THE SHIP SANK IN
ABOUT 30 MINUTES

Body of Wireless Operator,
George Eccles, Brought
Home.

(By Associated Press.)
VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 28.—
With her decks crowded with pas-
sengers in various stages of undress,
the steamer Rupert City reached
port at noon today, bringing 131
survivors of the Ohio wreck. The
passengers told of their terrible ex-
perience. Following the shock of
the wreck and the landing in life
boats, came a long wait for day-
light, while the rain was pouring
down, and the men and women huddled
together on the exposed rocks
until the Vancouver, Washington
steamer Kingfisher came to their as-
sistance and every passenger and
member of the crew join in praise
of the men who gave them every
possible assistance and lent them
clothing, afterwards landing them
at Swanson Bay. A grim note of the
tragedy was struck by presence of
a rough coffin on the upper deck
which contained the body of the
United Wireless operator, George
Eccles. The coffin was obtained at
Swanson Bay, and a big bruise on
the forehead shows that the man
was struck on the forehead by float-
ing wreckage when he jumped from
the liner.

The disaster came with appalling
swiftness and thirty minutes after
the Ohio struck, she went down, only
the forecastle head and six feet of
her smokestack showing.

As the liner was proceeding up
Finlayson channel on Thursday
night bound for Alaska points, a
rain storm came on and the weather
became very thick. Shortly after 1
o'clock, it became heavier and be-
came impossible for the outlook to
see ahead. Then came a terrific
crash and noise as if thousands of
bommers were being fired. The
liner seemed to give a jump and the
alarm was spread that the vessel had
struck a rock. Captain Johnson or-
dered full speed astern and the
crippled vessel backed off the rock.
She then steamed into Carter Bay
where she took the beach about two
lengths from the shore, and work of
transferring the passengers to safety
began.

Rain was falling in torrents and
the officers had trouble with a crowd
of Greeks in the steerage. These
men tried to rush to the boats and
only the sight of a revolver backed
by resolution kept them off. The
boats were launched with difficulty.
Boat load after boat load was sent
away to the beach, women and chil-
dren going first, while some of the
men took the life belts and swam
ashore. Meanwhile Operator Eccles
had been sending calls for assist-
ance. Ketchikan got them. It was
staying at his post so long that it
cost Eccles his life. The last boat
to leave the Ohio was overcrowded
and twenty men had to swim. Ec-
cles and two freight clerks jumped
over board, and the clerks were
picked up by a life boat. Eccles
was struck on the head and drowned
but his body was recovered and
taken ashore.

The dynamo kept working until
half of the passengers had been
transferred and then the lights died
away and darkness added to the
horror of the situation. Blue fire
was lighted and by their aid pallid
faced passengers huddled on the
rocks could be seen from the shore.
Swanson Bay is twenty miles away,
and the men were sent thither for
aid. At Swanson, the Kingfisher
was found and she headed for the
wrecked vessel. As the Kingfisher
slowly drew near, the fishermen manned
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BAD ACCIDENT ON STAGE LINE

One Reported to Have Sus-
tained Broken Leg In Run-
Away Yesterday.

(Special to The Times.)
SUMNER, Ore., Aug. 28.—Jacob
Weick of North Bend, is reported
to have had his leg broken and Mrs.
W. E. Deane of Grants Pass, who
had been visiting at the home of her
daughter, Mrs. Tom Harvey in
Marshfield, to have been seriously
hurt in an accident on the stage
line Thursday. But few of the de-
tails have been secured here.

It seems that the accident was
caused by a kicking horse that was
being broken in. Going down a hill,
he kicked over the traces and soon
became unmanageable. Driver Wil-
lie McLain called to the twelve pas-
sengers to jump but only part of
them were able to get out. The
team then ran away, overturning the
vehicle with those who remained in
it.

Mr. Weick is the father of the
Weick Brothers of the North Bend
Brewery and was en route to Rose-
burg on business. He is seventy-
four years old.

Among the passengers on the
stage were the following:

Tom Harvey and wife of Marsh-
field.
Walter Lyon of Marshfield.
Frank and Fred Stock of Sumner.
Mike Boone of Sumner.
C. C. Gordon and F. A. Gordon
from Marshfield.
Mrs. Deane was en route home,
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harvey accom-
panying her to visit there for a few
weeks.

Otto Schetter, Marshfield agent
for the stage line, is unable to verify
the story of the accident and said
that he thought the report of it had
been overdrawn.

TWO DIE IN AN EXPLOSION

Misreading of Water Gauge at
Neck City, Mo., Cause
of Disaster.

(By Associated Press.)
CARTHAGE, Mo., Aug. 28.—Two
men were killed and a third fatally
injured in a boiler explosion at the
Seven Mining Company at Neck City.
Misreading of the water gauge was
the cause of the accident.

TAFT DAY IN PORTLAND.

Arrange For Entertainment of Pres-
ident There October 2.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 28.—
President Taft will be made the cen-
ter of a big demonstration when he
comes to Portland, October 2. There
will be no private entertaining for
the big president, but he will be on
view by the public throughout his
visit. There will be a big parade in
the President's honor, in which he
will ride, and where he may be seen
by the thousands who will want to
have a look at the nation's executive.
President Taft will be asked to make
an address at the Armory in the af-
ternoon and attend a banquet at the
Commercial Club at night on Octo-
ber 2d. Plans for Sunday, which
will be spent here, are not made up
yet, but the president will probably
attend church and spend the re-
mainder of the day resting. Mayor
Simon has named a prominent com-
mittee of Portland people to arrange
the President's entertainment.

ROSEBURG SUFFERS BIG FIRE LOSS

Eighteen Head of Horses Be-
longing to Stageline Owner
and About \$25,000 Worth
of Property Destroyed.

(Special to The Times.)
ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 28.—Fire
starting in Rapp's stage barn at 10
o'clock last night, resulted in dam-
age estimated approximately at \$25,-
000. Fifteen buildings were de-
stroyed. It is thought to have been
of incendiary origin. Sixteen horses
were cremated, among them being
a \$450 team belonging to Edward
Johnson of Coquille, and a \$650
team belonging to H. H. Hastings of
Coquille.
Many persons had narrow escapes.

Claude Moon of Coquille, passed
through a wall of fire and freed two
horses, one being badly burned died,
but the other was saved. Sheridan
street presents almost a complete
front of gutted buildings.

The fire burned from the back of
Rapp's store to the house where Mr.
Pease lived but it did not burn
Rapp's store or the Pease house, but
took most of the block facing the rail-
road on Sheridan street.

Most of the burned buildings were
frame structures but the better class
of buildings across the street were
more or less damaged.

Hundreds of Coos county people
were here to attend Ringling Broth-
ers circus yesterday and many of
them witnessed the conflagration
which was just well underway when
the night performance was over.

ARDEN ENVELOPED IN MYSTERY

No One Will Officially Say
Whether Magnate Is Going
to Undergo An Operation—
Reported Some Better.

(By Associated Press.)
ARDEN, N. Y., Aug. 28.—Evi-
dence continued to accumulate to-
day that preparations have been un-
der way at the E. H. Harriman home
for some unusual event. Whether
this will be a surgical operation or
only a consultation of physicians, or
whether it will have no bearing at
all on the condition of the railroad
magnate cannot be definitely stated.
It was learned from workmen em-
ployed on the premises that a large

room was arranged for occupancy of
some kind, but this is as far as the
information went. The men about
the grounds stated they saw Harri-
man yesterday taking a sunbath and
that there was no atmosphere of ex-
citement about the house. Most sat-
isfactory first hand reports coming
directly from the Harrimans' house
were obtained from Rev. J. H. Mc-
Guinness who spent an hour with Mr.
Harriman yesterday. He says he
found Mr. Harriman looking better
than he expected, that his hand
shake is firm and he looks better than
when he went to Europe. McGuinness
refused absolutely to make any state-
ment whether he saw anything
that would confirm the reports of a
possible surgical operation.

MORTON TOWER IS SELECTED

Former Coos Bay Man Engin-
eer For Siuslaw Port Com-
mission—Did Work Here

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 28.—The
news of the ruling of the State Su-
preme Court on the validity of the
port bill passed at the last session
of the Legislature, is especially pleas-
ing to the citizens of the Siuslaw
Valley, as the life of the port of
Siuslaw hung on the decision. The
\$100,000 bonds voted for the port
of Siuslaw at a special election held
in the latter part of May, have al-
ready been sold, conditioned on the
outcome of this suit and the regular-
ity of the proceedings in the election
organizing the port and the voting
and issuing of the bonds. The bonds
are to be taken at par, bearing 5
per cent interest per annum, and the
money for them will be forthcoming
as soon as the certificates of correct
procedure are made up and the
bonds printed.

Morton L. Tower of San Francisco,
who has been in the employ of the
Government for many years, has al-
ready been employed as constructing
and supervising engineer for the
harbor improvement work, and plans
and specifications for building the
south jetty at the mouth of the Sius-
law river have been prepared. Mr.
Tower is a son of Major Tower of
Empire, and worked on the Coos Bay
harbor improvement several years ago.

Bids for the work will soon be
asked for by the port commissioners,
who will meet in regular monthly ses-
sion on the first Wednesday in Sep-
tember. The work will go on regard-
less of the fact that the government
engineer, who examined the harbor
recently, made a report that the busi-
ness of the port did not justify the
expenditure of government funds for
the improvement of the harbor.

TODAY'S WHEAT MARKET.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—Wheat closed
as follows: September, 38c; De-
cember, 37 7/8c; May 97 5/8c and
97 3/4c.

MANY LEAVE ON BREAKWATER

Steamship Sails For Rose City
Today With Large Pas-
senger List.

The Breakwater sailed at 9
o'clock this morning for Portland
with a large number of passengers
and a good cargo of miscellaneous
freight. Many of the passengers
were bound for the Seattle Exposi-
tion.

Among those who sailed on the
Breakwater were the following:

A. L. Smith, G. McFaul, J. Kel-
lond, L. J. Justin, J. Justin, Oscar
Larsen, W. W. Snodad, Mrs. Smead,
W. E. Smead, J. G. Brink, Mrs.
Brink, Chester Condron, Mrs. W.
Condron, Miss L. Blasen, R. Mon-
tith, Mrs. Montith, Mrs. Archam-
beau, A. Burman, Mrs. A. M. Bigne,
Capt. Emory, Mrs. H. B. Condit, A.
B. Snyder, H. C. Truhs, E. D. Do-
ran, M. Johnson, A. H. Potter, Edith
Potter, A. A. Fuller, J. L. Barnaman,
O. A. Morrissey, F. Wilson, Mrs.
Place, F. M. Place, Pearl Peters, Mas-
ters, J. Humphry, F. A. Loui, George
Claymore, J. M. Hall, H. R. Talbott,
R. C. Branton, Miss Schuler, Mrs.
J. W. Duncan, Walter Wilson, A. T.
Steiner and wife, Miss Nora Hage,
Miss Mable Clare Mills, Miss Edna
Lewis, F. Johnson, V. Thorpe, Joe
Logar, Henry Shires, Fred Deets, W.
J. Slattery, M. W. Hunt, Mrs. Hunt,
Miss Hunt, Mrs. McMonies, Mrs.
Raymond, W. C. Carroll, W. Wygart,
Mrs. A. Lockwood, Mrs. R. Moore,
R. C. McKinnis, Mrs. McKinnis, J.
O. Lockhart, E. Butsch, H. R. Gar-
diner, Mrs. Gardiner, Miss Mabel
Wilson, W. A. Hampton, George
Chaney, F. Leonard, Mrs. Eddy, C.
A. Eddy, F. J. Fahy, J. A. Morrison,
Miss V. Van Valkenburg, J. S. Van
Valkenburg, Geo. P. Goodwin, R.
Lang, Norman Johnson, A. M. Place.

PIANO STUDIO of Louis H. Boll
in First Trust and Savings Bank
Building is now receiving a limited
number of pupils for special hours of
instruction. Pupils desiring appoint-
ments should apply immediately.

POCKET Alcohol Stoves for out-
ing at the RED CROSS.

AMERICAN AVIATOR CURTISS WINS INTERNATIONAL AIRSHIP CONTEST

MANY VICTIMS OF AUTO RACE

One Killed, Two Injured and a
Policeman Crippled at
Brighton Beach.

(By Associated Press.)
BRIGHTON BEACH, Aug. 28.—
The record for the first twelve hours
auto race on the new motor drive
track is one driver killed, one badly
injured, another painfully burned
and a policeman crippled. The re-
cords for speed and distance were
fairly well held up during the early
hours of contest, but at the end
of twelve hours racing, the leading
car, a Renault, with 568 miles to its
credit, was more than 40 miles be-
hind the record of a year ago. Fully
15,000 persons were present when a
fatal smash up occurred last night
which crushed the life out of mechan-
ic Cole in a Stearns with driver
Gosse. During the night, there were
many spills which forced several
cars to take trips to camps for re-
pairs.

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

Seattle Meeting Favors Restriction
of Water Rights Grants.

(By Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 28.—The
National Conservation Congress to-
day adopted the water rights resolu-
tion of the majority of the resolu-
tions committee. This is a resolu-
tion championed by ex-Governor
Pardee and favored by Chief Forest-
er Pinchot. This resolution is to
the effect that federal government
ought to limit the grants of water
rights to a reasonable definite time
and to exact an annual tax on them.
The chief opponent to the resolution
was Federal Judge Hanford of Seat-
tle, who argued that a promise of
land with water rights draws set-
tlers to the west and that any change
in the present policy would not only
be unwise but unfair.

CAPT. MAGEE WILL RETIRE

Master of the Astoria to Be
Succeeded By Son Within
a Day Or Two.

Captain Jas. Magee, for thirty-
eight years one of Coos Bay's most
noted mariners and with a reputa-
tion as a tug boat master on the
Pacific coast, will retire in a day
or two as captain of the tug Astoria
to be succeeded by his son, W. A.
Magee. This announcement was au-
thorized by Captain Magee today
who said that his son, Will, would
assume charge of the Astoria possi-
bly today.

Captain Magee's retirement isn't
exactly a surprise as it was known
that he had contemplated the change
for a year or more, feeling that his
long continuous service had won a
rest. When the Columbia quit the
bar service for work in the inner
bay, Captain Magee had contem-
plated retiring but decided to remain
until the Astoria has been well
broken into the service here.

W. A. Magee has been with his
father for years and has won his
promotion by merit.

PAIR OF SHOES FREE.

215 Broadway will give away a
pair of best hand made shoes to
anyone who can produce a man who
will beat this shop repairing old
shoes or making new ones.

Establishes New Record In
Flight In France
Today.

HE MADE IT WITH
COMPARATIVE EASE

Aeroplane Worked Fine and
Result Came As Big
Surprise.

(By Associated Press.)
RHEIMS, France, Aug. 28.—Cur-
tiss, the American aviator, won the
international aeroplane champion-
ship by his flight here today, an un-
expected result but one that brought
great applause from the throngs
present.

Curtiss came to his decision to
make his trial suddenly. At 10:11
a. m., surrounded by a group of
enthusiastic Americans, the machine
was run out on the field. Curtiss
made no preparations other than to
put on a leather jacket. He ran the
machine along the ground for a
short distance for a flying start af-
ter which the machine lifted and
circled between the timekeepers and
tribunes. Then mounting gradually
until it reached 45 feet, Curtiss
crossed the line at a terrific speed.
Curtiss continued round after round
at a uniform speed, until the last
round when he let the motor out to
full speed and came home like a
streak. A few seconds afterwards,
a white balloon was hoisted, indicat-
ing that the record had been broken.
When Curtiss alighted, he was show-
ered with congratulations. He ex-
pressed perfect satisfaction at the
way in which his aeroplane had be-
haved. His time was 7 minutes
55 1-5 seconds.

ZEPPELIN TRIES AGAIN.

German Aviator Loses Propellor On
Trip.

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Aug. 28.—Under most
favorable conditions, Zeppelin's air-
ship cannot reach Berlin before to-
night. Emperor William is receiv-
ing bulletins of the dirigable at the
palace.

(By Associated Press.)
BITTER FIELD, Aug. 28.—Count
Zeppelin's airship landed here suc-
cessfully at 6:25 this evening.

(By Associated Press.)
ALTENBERG, Germany, Aug. 28.—
The Zeppelin III lost one of its
propellers near Ronnenberg, and
passed here this afternoon at a great-
ly reduced speed. The accident will
delay the arrival at Berlin.

IS ARRESTED FOR SWINDLER

W. W. SMITH, ALLEGED TO HAVE
SWINDLED OREGON, IDAHO
AND WASHINGTON PEOPLE
OUT OF \$10,000, CAUGHT.

(By Associated Press.)
VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 28.—
W. W. Smith, alleged to have swin-
dled Oregon, Idaho and Eastern
Washington, out of more than \$10,-
000 by agreeing to make loans on
their property and then collecting
one per cent of the promised loan
which was never made, was arrested
here last night.

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