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CAPT. SNYDER HELD NEGLIGENT FOR LOSS OF STEAMER ARGO

License of Former Coos County Man Is Suspended For One Year.

U. S. INSPECTORS AT PORTLAND SO DECIDE

Declare He Should Not Have Attempted to Cross Into Tillamook.

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—The license of Captain Levi Snyder, commander of the steamer Argo when she was lost off Tillamook two weeks ago, was suspended for one year by United States Inspectors Fuller and Edwards. It is held that Snyder was negligent and careless in attempting to take the vessel over the Tillamook bar at half tide and during a storm. Four lives were lost in the wreck.

WORST STORM IN FORTY YEARS

Capt. Magee of Empire, Says It Is Most Prolonged—Vessels Delayed.

Capt. Magee of Empire, who was in Marshfield today on business says that the present storm is one of the worst and most prolonged that he has seen during his forty-two years residence at Empire. It is very unusual, he says, for a storm that has been severe during most of its continuation to last so long.

The storm off the coast a short distance is much more severe than anything in the inner bay indicates. The bar has been smooth and rough at intervals. This morning it was quite rough.

The Nann Smith went down to the lower bay this morning, but will not cross out until the weather improves.

The tug Klitham of Bandon, which brought the Triumph over the other day, is still tied up at Empire. Owing to the captain of the Klitham not being familiar with the bar channel, they had difficulty in crossing in the other day and he will not take any chances going out.

The Roscoe is also waiting in the lower bay for the weather to clear before proceeding northward. The Roberts is also tied up there.

The tug Astoria which will take the Triumph to the Columbia River, is waiting for fair weather before starting on the trip.

BREAKWATER IS DELAYED.

Storm at Columbia River Holds Steamship There Another Day. Agent W. F. Miller of the Breakwater, late today received a telegram from Capt. Magenn of the Breakwater, saying that a severe storm was prevailing off the mouth of the Columbia river and that he would probably be barbound there until tomorrow. This will result in the breakwater not reaching here until Saturday morning, probably.

BIG RISE IN COQUILLE.

River Rose Eight Feet Last Night, Bue Is Going Down Today. Coos Bay went without mail again today as a result of the storm that prevailed last night. Phone reports from along the route were to the effect that many trees had fallen across the road and this coupled with high water and heavy traveling would make it impossible to get the mail into Myrtle Point before 8 o'clock tonight.

NEW ATTACKS ON DR. COOK

Revelations of Persons Claiming to Have Aided Him With Data Are Not Believed.

(By Associated Press.)

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Dec. 9.—A summary of the affidavits of persons who are claimed to have aided Dr. Cook in the preparation of his Polar data published in London and New York today, was read here with amazement. Scientific circles seem to be incredulous regarding the charges and some persons like Dr. Carl Barrau, the astronomer, consider them so improbable that their effect will be to strengthen confidence in Cook's statements.

In an interview, Prof Burrau said: "Passages in the story telegraphed here give me the impression the matter is thoroughly untrustworthy. It however will be easy for the university to determine the truth or otherwise of the charges."

AFFIDAVITS ARE PUBLISHED

Workers Tell of Assisting Dr. Cook.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Affidavits of two men asserting that Dr. Cook hired them for \$4,000 with a promise of an additional bonus of \$500 to one them to fabricate astronomical observations and calculations of latitude and longitude for submission to the University of Copenhagen are published in the New York Times today. The men who say they helped Dr. Cook prepare the records of his journey to the North Pole are George H. Dunkle, an insurance broker, and Captain August Wedel Loose, a seaman. They admit their reason for making their affidavits known to the public was that the explorer only paid them \$260 for their work.

Loose today made the statement that he went to Cook thinking he might be of some assistance, and that a short talk with Cook convinced him that Cook knew almost nothing about navigation. He was ignorant of some of the essentials of the science and that a later investigation brought him to believe that Cook was never out of sight of land. Continuing his statement, Loose said, "Please notice that I have never said that Cook is about to submit my calculations to the University of Copenhagen as his own observations. Cook never intimated such to me. I was working for pay then and was indifferent on that point. Now, I have not received my pay. I don't express an opinion about how or when Cook wrote his record books. Cook never allowed me to inspect his original records or indeed any more of them than has been published in the newspapers."

Loose said the writing down of seconds in Cook's report of his observations did not show a "skillful attempt to deceive." The limits of the error were so great that the recording of seconds would not be of the slightest value in adding accuracy," declared the captain.

"Still of course, Cook could have looked at his instruments seen the seconds and put them down conscientiously if he is ignorant of their lack of importance."

LUMBER JUMPS SKYWARD.

Western Canadian Mills Report Too Much Business.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 9.—Rough lumber has advanced \$1 per 1,000 all over Northwestern Canada. Mills are calling in traveling salesmen because of the rush of orders. Export mills in British Columbia report a largely-increased business in the United States, this being one cause for the advance. Another advance will take place before Spring.

ANOTHER TRAGEDY ON LAKE ERIE

Two Lives Known to Be Lost and Thirteen Others Missing As Result of Burning of Steamer Clarion.

(By Associated Press.)

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 9.—Two men lost their lives and the fate of thirteen others is unknown as a result

of the burning of the steamer Clarion, near Point Pelee on Lake Erie early today. Six members of the crew were taken from the Clarion by the steamer L. C. Hana and brought here. These, say Capt. Bell, and twelve of the crew took to a life boat. It is feared they may starve or freeze to death before being rescued. One was sailor and got drowned, and the mate was frozen to death.

MANIAC KILLS ONE IN OHIO

Attends Prayer Meeting With Shot Gun and Later Shoots Sheriff.

(By Associated Press.)

SHREVE, Ohio, Dec. 9.—A posse is in pursuit of O. E. Boley who created a reign of terror at Bog Prairie, near here, last night and today shot and killed Sheriff Jacob Bell. Boley escaped from the Massillon state hospital yesterday, attended a prayer meeting where he sat with a shotgun on his knee and went later to the home of Ray Lee where he shot the sheriff today.

SPRINGS LEAK OFF COOS BAY

Fears Felt For Safety of the 'Westerner' Steam Schooner, In Trouble.

Considerable misgiving is felt here over the safety of the Westerner, a steam schooner, bound from Grays' Harbor to San Pedro, which was reported leaking badly off here Tuesday. The vessel is commanded by Captain Kelly, formerly of the Alliance. Tuesday, the Wasp which was coming in here to take on a cargo of lumber, sighted the Westerner in near shore and hailed her. Captain Kelly replied that she had sprung a leak and he had put in near shore to pump her out. He said that he felt confident that he could make San Pedro all right.

When the storm came up last evening, local mariners expressed apprehension about the craft. With the barometers down to 29.10, the lowest points they have reached in about ten years, a severe storm must have been prevailing somewhere along the coast and the leaky vessel would probably have had a hard time of it.

Captain Olson of the Nann Smith, said that his barometer had not been as low on the coast in ten years. The Nann Smith completed taking on her cargo last night, but he was dubious about putting out to sea today.

EXCELSIOR IN TROUBLE.

Steamer Known On Coos Bay Caught In Storm.

The Excelsior, a steam schooner which has made this port a number of times the past year and loaded at the C. A. Smith mill, is in trouble near San Francisco. A San Francisco dispatch dated December 5, says: "The lumber steamer Excelsior was driven ashore at Moss Landing, 80 miles south of this city, during the storm last night. All the crew escaped without injury and the position of the vessel is not believed to be dangerous."

"The steamer was loaded with lumber and could not make headway against the storm which arose so suddenly that there was no chance to get clear of the coast before it broke. The revenue cutter McCulloch has gone to aid the Excelsior."

CLAUSEN'S Shoes for ECONOMY.

BOTH SIDES CLAIM STRIKE

Railroad Officials and Switchmen Express Confidence of Victory.

(By Associated Press.)

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 9.—The switchmen's strike on the Great Northern and Northern Pacific is more than half broken according to operating officials. But on the other hand, the strikers say they will win because the railroads have found it impossible to get experienced switchmen outside the union.

DEATH ORDER WAS ISSUED

President Zelaya of Nicaragua, Instructed Officers to Kill Americans.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 9.—A cable from Panama says "Death to Americans" is the order issued to the army by President Zelaya. Positive information was received here today that more than a month ago Zelaya issued instructions to shoot every American caught fighting in the army of the revolutionists. Some of Zelaya's military officers protested against this order and warned him that trouble with the United States would result.

REPORT IS DENIED.

United States Did Not Demand Zelaya's Resignation.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—It is denied emphatically that the United States demanded the resignation of President Zelaya.

RUMOR REACHES LONDON.

Nicaragua Cable Says United States Is After Zelaya.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The United States has demanded formally the resignation of Zelaya as president of Nicaragua according to a cablegram from Nicaragua.

BLACKBURN QUILTS JOB.

Former Senator Retires From Isthmian Canal.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—It was officially announced at the War Department that former Senator J. C. S. Blackburn had resigned as a member of the Isthmian Canal Commission and that his resignation had been accepted by President Taft.

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CLAUSEN'S Shoes for DRY feet.

THREE HUNDRED HOTEL GUESTS NARROWLY ESCAPE IN BIG FIRE

HASTEN WORK ON CAR LINE

J. M. Blake Will Ask North Bend Franchise and Rush Street Railway Project

(By Associated Press.)

J. M. Blake announced today that he would immediately take up the matter of securing a street railway franchise in North Bend and also securing the right of way and consent for the intervening gap between Marshfield and North Bend in order that his proposed electric railroad system on Coos Bay may be rushed to completion. The result of the election in Marshfield whereby he was granted the necessary franchise and rights by a vote of nearly four to one was highly gratifying to him and is believed to be indicative of the view that the other residents of the Bay hold the proposition.

"I expect to meet with some of the representative business men of North Bend within a few days and take the matter up with them," said Mr. Blake. "I have arranged my affairs to spend several weeks here to close up the matter and get the project in shape to carry it out at the earliest possible time."

"While the securing of the right of way and consent between Marshfield and North Bend and the securing of a franchise there will take some time, I will meanwhile live up to the provisions of the franchise that has been granted me in Marshfield."

"Just as I told the members of the Marshfield city council, I am in a position to recommend the carrying out of the Marshfield project to my people regardless of what may be the outcome on the other propositions. My people, that is the parties I represent, have gone over the matter thoroughly and are ready to carry out the entire proposition just as soon as the necessary franchises and rights are secured."

Under the terms of Mr. Blake's franchise in Marshfield, he is to commence the actual construction of the line within sixty days after the enactment of the franchise and within six months from the commencement of said construction shall expend \$5,000 in the work and within twelve months from the commencement of the construction shall have one mile of railway completed and in operation; also that within eighteen months from the passage of the franchise, he is to have the entire line completed and in operation.

Mr. Blake stated this morning that he hoped to meet the final provisions of the franchise much earlier than they are specified in that document. He said that once the work is started, it will be to the company's advantage as well as to the public to get the line completed and in operation at the earliest date possible so that it will be earning money on the investment.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Wheat closed as follows: December, \$1.09 3-4; May, \$1.08 1/2; July, 98 5-8c.

(By Associated Press.) TACOMA, Dec. 9.—Unchanged.

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—Wheat unchanged.

REMEMBER the ONE-HALF REDUCTION SALE still on MRS. J. H. SOMERS, designer, Coos Building.

Gold and silver mounted WATER-MAN IDEAL fountain pens for Xmas presents.—RED CROSS DRUG STORE.

CLAUSEN'S Shoes for WEAR.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Scene of Disastrous Fire Late Last Night.

THREE DEPARTMENTS FIGHT THE FLAMES

Property Loss Will Probably Exceed \$1,000,000—One Life Lost.

(By Associated Press.)

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Dec. 9.—One life was probably lost, many firemen were overcome by smoke, three hundred hotel guests scantily clad were driven into icy streets and property valued at one million dollars was destroyed by fire late last night which was only extinguished after an all night struggle by the combined fighting forces of Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, and Grand Rapids. The fire started in the basement of the Star Bargain House, and fanned by strong winds spread to the Burkick house, a fine four-story hotel, and continued to spread burning out a number of commercial establishments. A guest in the hotel is supposed to have lost his life.

NORTH BEND'S POLITICS WARM

Whirlwind Finish to City Campaign There—Expect Big Vote Next Tuesday.

North Bend politics are beginning to warm up a bit and there promises to be a whirlwind finish to the campaign which will end next Monday night, next Tuesday being election. Both factions have been doing considerable "gum shoe" work and a heavy vote will probably be polled. The Citizens' Ticket is planning to hold a rally Friday or Saturday night at the opera house there for its candidates for councilmen.

L. J. Simpson is arranging for a big rally at Eckhoff hall next Monday evening when he will address the voters on his platform.

Rev. Dan Shannon at his revival meetings has been doing a little campaigning now and then by rapping the opposition to the Business Men's ticket. Beyond this, the Business Men's ticket has not announced any public demonstration in its behalf.

BOTH CLAIM STRIKE.

Switchmen and Railroad Officials Tell Conflicting Stories.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PAUL, Dec. 9.—The switchmen's strike in the Twin Cities is practically at a standstill. Both sides claim the better of the contest.

MONEY LEADS THE MINORITY

Democrats Select Him As Head of Party In United States Senate.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—In a caucus this afternoon, the democratic senators elected Senator Money of Mississippi, as minority leader of the Senate to succeed Senator Culberson of Texas, whose resignation was presented today.