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THE LIFE SAVING SERVICE.

THE TIMES IS pleased to note that its efforts to direct attention to the inefficiency of the equipment or crew of the Coos Bay life saving service at the time of the Czarina wreck is bringing results. The Portland Journal in reprinting The Times article criticising the service comments in its news columns as follows:

"Agitation for a more efficient life-saving service will probably become general throughout the United States as a result of the loss of life attending the wreck of the steamer Czarina off the entrance to Coos Bay a few days ago.

Shortly after the terrible disaster the Portland chamber of commerce took the matter up officially, with the state's representatives at Washington. Now comes word from Coos Bay that the port commission of that place has lent its support to the movement. Other communities are being aroused, and it is expected that they will fall in line without delay.

Criticize Life Line.

A great deal of criticism has been going the rounds since the Czarina wreck because of the fact that the life line apparatus failed to reach the wreck, although it was but 2,000 feet from shore. The line carried but half the distance."

"That feeling runs high against the United States life saving crew at Coos Bay as a result of its futile attempts to rescue the crew of the wrecked Czarina was further confirmed today by Captain Macgenn of the Breakwater. Among the passengers who arrived on the Breakwater were Harry Kentzel, second assistant engineer of the Czarina. Kentzel is the only survivor of the wreck, he having clung to a piece of wreckage and having been washed ashore.

"The people at Marshfield demand the fullest investigation," declared Captain Macgenn, "and will see that the matter is placed before the highest authorities at Washington."

"The officer further confirmed the distance off shore at which the Czarina went down as having been but 1,800 feet.

"This is but a third of a mile," he added, "and it should be possible to throw a life line a mile." That the life saving crew made but two unsuccessful attempts to reach the shipwrecked sailors with a life line is one of the charges of inefficiency.

The Journal follows this development of facts in its news columns with the following strong editorial in Tuesday's issue under the caption, "Is the Life-Saving Service Worth-while?"

"Various reports agree that gross inadequacy in the Coos Bay life saving equipment, or inefficiency in the crew, or both, were displayed on the occasion of the recent wreck of the Czarina, which resulted in the loss of 24 lives or more. The people of Marshfield are aroused with indignation, which if the facts are as have been represented should be shared by citizens all along the coast, and indeed throughout the country.

"Here was a vessel wrecked, yet

lying with its rigging above water with more than a score of people visible for hours, only 1,800 or 2,000 feet distant from the shore, on which a life-saving crew was stationed. Yet apparently but slight and altogether ineffectual attempts were made to effect a rescue, and gradually, right in the face of these men employed especially for this purpose, these victims succumbed, one by one, falling or jumping into the sea. It is positively asserted by alleged eye witnesses that only two shots were fired to carry a life line to the wrecked vessel, and both these fell short, and that thereafter no further effort of any kind was made by the crew. If these statements be true, a very severe example should be made of them. Their employment is perilous, at times; they know that when they accept it. The hard work and peril come only occasionally, but when it does come the government must have men in these positions who will risk their lives if there is a chance of saving wrecked people. Otherwise life-saving stations are a misnomer, a mockery.

"It may be alleged, and it may prove true, that the boats and other equipment were useless, or antiquated and inadequate. If this was the case, then a thorough investigation should be made as to who is responsible. The same statement was made about the equipment at Tillamook, when two or three lives were needlessly lost in consequence of the recent wreck of the Argo. Is the government maintaining worthless or unreliable life-saving stations along this coast? It seems so. And if so, it is certainly very important to probe into all the facts most thoroughly. As the case now stands, the public has ample ground for believing that several if not most of the lives on the Czarina were lost in consequence of gross and inexcusable negligence somewhere in the department; or of caution that on the part of paid and professional lifesavers amounted to criminal cowardice.

"It is due to not only the relatives and friends of the victims, but to all this coast, to all who ever may travel the sea in its vicinity, that the whole truth be sifted out, and the blame placed where it belongs, and such punishment as is possible inflicted."

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

I borrow Joy from Sorrow—
A Rainbow from the Rain.
If Life were not in Shadow,
My Star would shine in vain.
—Selected.

57 VARIETIES

"The Woman with the Serpent's Tongue."

Too briefly thus the poet sung—
Inadequately it must be
With such a broad variety.

For I, a lesser poet, might
Add to this tip, by day and night,
"The Woman with the Puff and Rat"

"The Woman with the Bushel Hat."

"The Woman in the Crowded Car"—
Who makes us stand, though riding far;

"The Woman with the Voice of Scorn"

When we bump in at early morn.

"The Woman with the Hipless Hip"

All corset-covered, tip to tip;
"The Woman with the New Receipt"

Which some poor luckless dub must eat.

"The Woman with the Appetite."

Whom after show we feed at night;
"The Woman with the Rosebud Paint"

Although we know the natural ain't.

If we were much inclined to knock,
Or strong enough to stand the shock,
We'd add, while Watson one type sings,

"The Woman with a Lot of Things."

—Exchange.

Andrew Carnegie is tightening the purse strings, having indefinitely postponed the job of dying poor.

When times change men and women should change with them; lying in the past is a lonesome life.

One Boston clergyman asserts that it is time for the pulpit to thunder for reform in women's wear-

ing apparel. The first preacher tackling that job will find he has a thunderstruck congregation on his hands.

A stingy man is usually simply a careful man.

People often feel like saying things to other people that they never do say.

Another sign of advancing age is that your shoes wear longer than they used to.

Some Coos Bay people think they don't have to pay their debts until they are rich.

We have noticed that even when times are hard, capable industrious people do pretty well.

When a girl's pocketbook looks fat and bulky you can bet that her handkerchief is in it.

We often wish we had nothing to do but attend to the things we ought to do, but neglect.

Any doctrine that contemplates hardworking people sending contributions to idle leaders, is wrong.

There is nothing Coos Bay men know so little about, and talk so much about, as a new railway.

That new anesthetic should be a good thing to have administered when one is having a picture taken.

"What is a nightmare?" a correspondent asks. A nightmare is a dream you hope will not come true.

A French scientist claims to have discovered a substitute for beef. Wonder if there are any bones in it?

Speaking of the ultimate consumer, a Missouri man is reported to have eaten forty eggs in six minutes.

An Oregon Chinaman named Sing On died the other day. Now he may at least be compelled to change his tune.

There are men who can speak seven languages who are utter failures when it comes to setting up a stove.

Every ten minutes an idle woman reaches up both hands and pats her hair, and then for five minutes she is perfectly satisfied.

We have quit worshipping great heroes who live a long way off; instead, in future we shall worship the good citizens around home.

When a man tips his hat to a woman his wife doesn't know she asks him more questions in the next five minutes than a child will ask on a railroad train.

We are never very fond of a man who speaks highly of his opposition. For no perfectly candid and honest man likes the man who opposes him in business, politics or love.

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