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LOST ARTICLES... are best found through Times want ads.

NOW IS YOUR TIME... A small ad in The Times want column may bring you results immediately.

EIGHTEEN DIE ON OREGON COAST WRECK DISASTER SUNDAY

British Bark Mimi Turns Turtle When Wrecking Crew Get Her Off the Beach.

STORM KEEPS LIFE-SAVING CREW BACK

Only Four Men Rescued From Ill-Fated Bark—Crew Had Prophesied Disaster.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—Only four of those who were on board the British bark Mimi when she turned turtle early yesterday morning after being kedged from the beach where she had lain since she was wrecked there February 13, were saved.

As unknown sailor who died during the night from exposure.

All day yesterday the lifesaving crew of the Garibaldi station were at the scene. Attempt after attempt was made to get to the vessel but high seas and terrific wind kept them off.

The lifesaving crew from the Point Adams station, Astoria, arrived on the scene in the meantime but too late to assist in the immediate work at hand.

Three mates of the Mimi left the vessel shortly after she reached deep water, expressing a belief that she would turn over when the cable which held her to the shore was cut.

They came ashore on the cable and shortly after the cable was cut the Mimi turned over. They are said to have made a statement several weeks ago that in her lightened condition, she would turn over if a strong wind was blowing when she struck deep water.

No bodies have come ashore. A careful watch is being kept all along the coast. It is possible that the next high tide may bring some in.

INCORPORATION TAX CASE... Companies Leasing Property Not Subject to It.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—Hundreds of corporations will be relieved from paying the federal incorporation tax by a decision today of the supreme court to the effect that corporations leasing all their property and having no income except that yielded by lease, are not "doing business" and therefore are not subject to the tax.

PUBLIC DOCK IS CONSIDERED... Astoria Commission Favors City-Owned Wharf.

ASTORIA, Or., April 7.—The Port of Astoria Commission met and the principal matter taken up was the question of establishing a public dock. The special committee reported that it had examined various plans along the Astoria waterfront and found the west side and had recommended prices on them, but was not prepared to make its final report.

HOOD RIVER—The large spray plant of the Hood River Spray Co. was burned to the ground. It is thought that the loss will aggregate \$10,000.

WOMEN FIGHT FOR SUFFRAGE

Big Delegation Bombards Congressmen With Petitions for Constitutional Amendment.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—Woman suffrage descended on Congress today with petitions for a constitutional amendment for equal suffrage. After a mass meeting in a theatre more than 500 marched to the capitol, divided one half to the senate and the other half to the house.

English Suffragettes Accused of the Starting of Fire.

LONDON, April 7.—Militant suffragettes incendiaries set fire to and destroyed a large mansion in the suburbs of Norwich last night. The house was not occupied. The perpetrators of the outrage escaped.

TRACK LAYING IS UNDERWAY

Southern Pacific Starts Putting in Heavy Steel on Coos Bay Line Now.

Word has been received that L. J. Simpson of Norrin Bend will return tonight or tomorrow on the A. M. Simpson, after an extended absence. It is expected that he will bring news of the latest developments in the railroad situation.

The Eugene Guard says: "Crews began tracklaying on the Willamette Pacific today. Heavy rails have already been substituted for the light rails placed by the P. E. & E. Railway on the W. P. grade leading to the material yards.

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CURRY RAILWAY NEWS... Survey Party Finishes Work and Departs—Cuts Many Ties.

The Fort Orford Tribune says: "Will Bailey, and a party of surveyors, who had been at work below here, passed through town last week here, passed through town last week here, passed through town last week here.

E. J. Loney, who has a contract for getting out cedar railroad ties, reports that he now has over 5,000 ties in the woods awaiting inspection, and if the inspection is satisfactory, and if the inspection is satisfactory, and if the inspection is satisfactory.

VALE—After murdering his friend, Truman Gooch, with a 30-30 rifle, while drunk, Joe Popovitch was trailed through the hills and captured by Deputy Sheriff Ben Brown.

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SPEEDWELL LOSES DECK LOAD; PASSENGERS AND CREW SAFE

Vessel From Coos Bay Encounters Heavy Seas on Its Trip Southward but Reaches San Francisco Safely.

(Special to The Times.) SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—The steamer Speedwell, which lost her masts and part of her deckload Saturday in a gale off the Oregon coast, was sighted today off the entrance of this harbor and all anxiety of her safety disappeared. She carried 44 passengers and was two days out from Coos Bay.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—The steamer Speedwell with 44 passengers was in distress off the North California coast, having lost her propeller, mast and deckload of lumber. Three "S. O." calls for assistance were flashed by wireless from the Speedwell to the steamer Governor as the latter vessel was nearing this port late this afternoon.

The master of the Governor on his arrival here early last night said that he did not put about to go to the Speedwell's aid as the Speedwell later wireless that she was in no immediate danger.

The Speedwell was bound from Coos Bay to San Francisco. William Clarkson, manager of the Estabrook Company, who operates the Speedwell, received a wireless message from the vessel last night, stating that she probably would reach San Francisco Monday.

The Speedwell is a small twin screw steamer employed in the coastwise trade and carries a crew of 25.

ACCIDENT BELOW BAXTON... Speedwell Struck by Big Comber Below There—Took Water on Bar.

The Speedwell crossed out of Coos Bay about 11 o'clock Saturday morning and according to wireless reports from here was pretty badly washed on the bar. When she got a short distance south of Bandon, she encountered some very heavy seas, and one stripped her clean of her deckload.

Considerable alarm was felt here over the early reports that she had lost her mast, but the fact that she was able to use her wireless indicated that this was wrong. It is said that soon after she lost her deckload, she was able to proceed all right.

Her deckload consisted largely of piling and railroad ties taken on at North Bend. The falling is the passenger list of the Speedwell with the exception of a few Coquille and Bandon people whose names were not obtained by Agent Sengstacken:

Mrs. Nellie Cohen and child, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Hodges, W. L. Dolling, Rev. W. S. Williams, C. W. Hess, J. G. McGuire, Ida Taylor, Mrs. Fannie R. Ham, Mrs. R. C. Widner, Mrs. L. Hazard, L. F. Coon, Mrs. L. F. Coon, J. W. Kearn, J. M. Wright, J. C. Gamble, V. Gorst, A. H. Hatfield, Jack Dewey Carter, F. Murphy, C. J. Hudson, Chas. West, Gust Sello, Herman Krovera, F. Dell, R. C. Widner, L. E. Widner, L. E. Martin, B. Burbank, C. Anderson, R. M. Rounds, Geo. Goodwin, Nick Papp, Mr. Watt, Bert Allen, W. E. Fought, E. Cox.

Ed Gregg of Marshfield Severely Injured in Accident Near Schroder's.

Ed Gregg, brakeman of the local railway, fell from the train Saturday afternoon near Schroder's and sustained a compound fracture of his leg just below the knee. He struck on an old tie lying beside the track. The broken bones are said to have pierced the flesh in two or three places.

Gregg was walking along the tender to the engine when the accident occurred. He was wearing new shoes and this with the rain made it very slippery. The train was running at a good speed when the accident occurred. He was not missed until after the train had run three or four miles and then they backed up and picked him up.

Today Gregg was brought to Mercy Hospital. His family conducts the Bay View Hotel on Front street, over the Ekblad hardware.

BATTLE IN MEXICO... General Ojeda to Engage State Troops Near Naco.

NACO, Mexico, April 7.—General Ojeda and his entire force this afternoon left Naco and started west to engage the state troops which form a cordon on three sides of the border town. There has been skirmishing between the outposts since early today.

SEND MORE CRUISERS... Germany Strengthens Fleet in the Mediterranean.

KIEL, April 7.—The German cruisers Strausburg and Dresden sailed from here today to join the other German warships in the Mediterranean.

HONOR CLARK'S SON... Speaker's Boy Appointed Parliamentary Clerk of House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—Bennett Clark, son of Speaker Clark, was appointed parliamentary clerk in the house to succeed Charles R. Crisp of Georgia, now a representative. Clark is twenty-three years old, a graduate of the University of Missouri and the youngest man ever to serve as a clerk at the Speaker's table.

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Speaker Champ Clark Re-elected in House and Democratic Bill Is Presented.

OPEN MEETING IS DEVOTED TO ROUTINE

Tariff Problem Likely to Keep Body Busy Until Next August.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—The sixty-third Congress, the first in many years with the followers of Thomas Jefferson in the majority, began business at noon. As Speaker Clark dropped the gavel, Majority Leader Underwood dropped the tariff revision bill into the hopper and thereby officially started a business that promises to keep Congress at work well into August. In the house the day's proceedings were principally of organization. The reelection of Speaker Clarke was the most important event in the house.

In the senate nothing was done beyond swearing in some new senators. A young man by the name of George B. Clemmer, of Monroe, N. C., announcing himself as the "erald of the Prince of Peace" caused a disturbance and was ejected.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—A complete revision of the tariff law; modification of the National currency system; proposals for Philippine independence, for repeal of the Panama Canal free toll provision and for immediate construction of government-owned railroads in Alaska, are the chief problems confronting the first session of the Sixty-third Congress, beginning at noon today.

Summoned by President Wilson for the express purpose of revising the tariff, the new Congress faces extreme pressure from many quarters for early action on the other subjects named. Whether any of these other than the tariff will be taken up during the special session depends upon the progress made with the tariff revision and the success that may attend preliminary work upon a general currency reform bill.

For the first time in eighteen years Congress assembled with both its branches under control of the Democrats and with a Democratic president to co-operate in shaping its policies, and to approve its acts. The tariff law to be passed by the special session that opens today will be the first general Democratic revision of the revenue laws since the act of August 27, 1894, known to history as the "Wilson-Gorman law," and which President Cleveland allowed to become a law without his signature.

New members dominate the larger House in the new Congress. The increase in the membership of the House from 396 to 435, which became effective March 4, brought in a larger proportion of new members than have appeared in any Congress of recent years and made more conspicuous the absence of old-time leaders, such as former Speaker Cannon, John Dalzell of Pennsylvania, Nicholas Longworth of Ohio, Samuel W. McCall of Massachusetts, F. J. Hall of Connecticut and William B. McKinley of Illinois.

The work before Congress today consisted chiefly of organized business. President Wilson's message will be read to both Houses shortly after the beginning of the session tomorrow. In his call summoning the extraordinary session of Congress, the president did not specify the purpose for which it was to be convened. Members of Congress who had talked with the Executive executive that the message, prepared to greet the new Congress, would urge action upon the tariff as the first duty of the Democratic majorities in the two Houses; but would leave the way open for action on the currency and other pressing matters, if it is decided later to take them up.

The Democratic majorities in both House and Senate are considered strong enough to carry through the programme of tariff revision determined upon by recent conferences, in which the President Underwood and Senator Simmons, the tariff leaders of the two Houses. There is a Democratic majority in both bodies. In the House the Democrats have a majority of over 140, their membership of 255 being over double the combined strength of the Republicans and Progressives.

In the Senate the Democratic strength is fifty-one and the combined Republican and Progressive strength forty-five. This margin is counted on to secure favorable action on the tariff unless sectional interests of Democratic senators should bring about a combination against certain features of the bill, in which several Democratic votes might be swept from support of the measure.

HOUSE IN SESSION. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—The house met at noon. New men.

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