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## EIGHT KNOWN DEAD IN SANTA CLARA WRECK

### EXTRA!

#### DEAD BODIES AND INJURED SURVIVORS IN SMALL CABIN

MUCH SUFFERING WHEN DARKNESS AND HEAVY RAIN HOLDS HALF-CLAD AND SHIVERING PEOPLE IN SMALL COTTAGE ON THE BEACH

#### PLACE REACHED ONLY BY TRAIL

FEAR IS THAT THERE ARE MORE DEAD AS SOME OF THE PASSENGERS AND CREW ARE MISSING—VESSEL A TOTAL WRECK

Eight persons are dead, including four women, three children and one man, as a result of the wrecking of the steamer Santa Clara, south of Coos Bay Bar last evening. It is feared there may be more dead.

Captain A. Lofstedt and six members of the crew who were turned out of a capsized boat and who were believed to have been lost, were late last night rescued.

They had gotten back to the Santa Clara and were reached by the Coast Guard crew and removed to safety in the breeches buoy.

#### SUFFERING IS GREAT

The dead were all women and children passengers, excepting the one sailor.

Much suffering was borne by the survivors on account of the isolated spot where they landed, the heavy rain and the darkness adding to the distress.

#### STRUCK ON SOUTH SPIT

The Santa Clara struck as she was crossing over the bar. She went side on at the South Spit at a point opposite where the portion of the jetty shows above water. She was carried in toward the south and finally stranded about half a mile from shore, opposite the cove where the Marconi was wrecked.

#### BOTTOM IS TORN OUT

She pounded about frightfully after striking and it is believed that her bottom was torn out as some of the freight washed ashore and men aboard saw big timbers come up, which evidently were from her bottom.

There is no chance for her being saved, but those who went ashore could have stayed on board during at least most of the night, or until they were removed by the life-savers.

Excepting the officers, who with the captain, were removed by the life-savers, all the others who came ashore were in small boats which were lowered from the Santa Clara.

#### LIFE BOAT TURNED OVER

The women and children dead lost their lives when a life-boat turned over near the shore. Apparently they were going to reach land in safety, but the boat struck a sand bar and turned turtle and the helpless women and children were dashed into the water and drowned within sight of those in the other boats and on board the vessel before help could reach them.

#### SCENE IS HEART RENDING

Most distressing were the circumstances after the survivors were brought ashore. Darkness had fallen and the place where the people landed was at Bastendorf Beach, where the Mussel Reef club house is located.

This is a little cabin built by some of the boys who go there and it was last night the scene for as heart-rending a tragedy as Coos Bay ever knew.

#### DEAD, INJURED AND LIVING

The bodies of the dead women and children lay on the porch and in the room. A little boy was on the only bed apparently dead, several trying to revive him. Relatives of those lost tried in vain to bring back their loved ones to life. In the small room of the house were crowded many persons, some who had gathered to help. Sailors with their clothing gone, shivered with the cold. Only a small stove heated the place.

#### WOMEN ARE HYSTERICAL

Women wrapped in what covering could be gotten together at the time were in hysterical condition and moaned and cried while a number were injured and suffered greatly.

#### DARKNESS AND RAIN COME

To add to the horror a drenching rain poured down outside so it was impossible for the victims to leave the cabin in their exhausted condition. The only light was from a small kerosene lamp, which barely gave sufficient illumination to distinguish one face from another.

#### HEART-BROKEN MOTHER

Mrs. Jennie Bogue, of Gold Hill, mother of Delmar Bogue, was heart broken and when it was found that the little boy

### THE KNOWN DEAD

MRS. M. J. DUNN, of Butte, Montana.  
MRS. D. H. THORNE, of Hood River.  
EUGENE GILLINWATER, aged 7 years.  
DELMAR BOGUE, of Gold Hill, aged 9 years.  
HARRY ANDRADE, oiler of Santa Clara.  
Thirteen months old son of J. C. Crowles, of Mill City, Oregon.  
Unidentified woman, rather heavy in build.  
Unidentified woman, elderly, wearing gold ring on left hand.

### The Passenger List

Anderson, R. W.	Gillenwater, A.
Allen, G.	Gillenwater, June
Ballard, Mrs. F. T.	Gillenwater, Hugh
Ballard, F. T.	Holgart, Chas.
Ballard, Lucille	Hunter, W.
Bogue, Mrs. Jennie	Hayes, Jas.
Bogue, Henry	Jones, Fred.
Bogue, William	Kanack, Henry
Bogue, Delmar	Larson, J. W.
Cramer, J.	Murphy, Patrick
Church, Alice	Morris, Mrs. H. A.
Collins, S.	Martin, A. P.
Castigan, M	Margard, W. G.
Crowley, B. J.	McCarn, H. H.
Crowley, Mrs. B. J. and infant son, Alfred.	Neill, J. Jr.
Cullen, Mrs. B.	Stenhouse, G. W.
Dunn, Mrs. Bridget.	Kincaid, Chas. C.
Dunn, Ray M.	Sykes, E. A.
Dunn, Margaret.	Thorn, D. H.
Davis, Dr. D. F.	Thorn, Mrs. Nettie E.
Gaff, T.	Turney, Annie
Gillen, J. A.	Weekie, M.
Jas. Lawson, Ferndale, Cal.	Noyes, John W., Eureka.

The above list of passengers on the Santa Clara was telegraphed from Portland about midnight and may contain some inaccuracies. It is said some left the boat at Astoria and did not get back before she sailed. James Lawson, of Ferndale boarded the steamer at Astoria. He is among the rescued.

could not be revived, the mother was taken away to a place where she could be cared for.

Some of the people were taken to the Bastendorff farm house, which is some distance away, and some were removed early in the evening in an auto to Marshfield, but then the rain was pouring down and the roads were in such muddy condition that it was a much greater risk to try to move the injured and suffering.

#### ONLY REACHED BY TRAIL

The cabin where the survivors had gathered is on the beach and it was necessary to travel over a dark and slippery trail before reaching the main road and then it was 18 miles to Marshfield.

#### PHYSICIAN WORKED HARD

Dr. Ira B. Bartle was one of the first physicians to reach the place and he sent a general call for help. But physicians and pulmotors and other needed assistance were eighteen miles away with a bad road between. Dr. Bartle did heroic work.

#### PEOPLE ALMOST SMOTHERED

The room became so close with its 75 occupants that one woman, Miss Annie Tierney, with a gash on her face, wrapped only in a blanket and suffering greatly, had to be carried out in the rain to prevent her total collapse.

#### SAVED SISTER; LOST MOTHER

The incidents surrounding the gathering of the people in the little cabin were very sad. Roy Dunn, a young man from Butte, Montana, worked with his dead mother in hopes of bringing her back to life. He said:

"I was in a boat which left after the first boat containing my mother and sister, Margaret. We got to shore first and then I saw the boat with the women turn over and all of them dashed into the water. I could not see my mother again. She seemed to go down at once. I saw my little sister, so I waded out and swam in the breakers and gothold of her and brought her ashore. I saved her, but I could not save my mother."

#### LIGHT HOUSE A MILE AWAY

Captain Dunson, of the Cape Arago lighthouse sent word to have any of the survivors brought there, but that was over a mile away and the road a dark and muddy one.

Some of the people who were not suffering greatly and who got ashore safely, attempted to wark to the city, not knowing how far it was. They were picked up by autos.

#### MANY MACHINES WENT

When the news of the wreck spread many machines made the trip down and many willing persons offered assistance of every kind and before many hours all had been cared for as best they could under the circumstances. The rain stopped and most everyone was brought to Marshfield or North Bend.

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### MANY BRAVE ACTS

J. W. NOYES, OF EUREKA, RESCUES WOMAN AND GIRL.

Sailors From Vessel Do Effective Work—Mr. and Mrs. Wasson Among First to Help

There were many acts of heroism in connection with the wreck. J. W. Noyes, a modest middle-aged man, of Eureka, told last night of two rescues he made. Mr. Noyes lives at Eureka, where his son, Guy Noyes, is in the Postoffice, and he was returning from a long trip.

In the water he managed to get hold of a lady and a little girl. He got one under each arm, and although not a large man, managed to hold on to them with great difficulty, until they got safely to shore. He did not learn the names of those he rescued.

#### Sailors Worked Well

The sailors from the Santa Clara did excellent work in taking care of the injured and unconscious. They understood what to do and worked with intelligence and dispatch. They worked for a long time over some of the women and children in efforts to revive them. Even those who were apparently dead were given attention until there was no further hope of saving them.

#### Rendered Great Aid

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wasson were among the first to reach the place and did much to relieve the suffering. Mr. Wasson got out his automobile and made two trips to North Bend and Marshfield, carrying up the suffering women and children. Mrs. Wasson, with one of the only lanterns available early in the evening, went about the women and gave what relief was possible.

#### All Ready to Help

Everybody who could give any help was ready to assist, but it was difficult to do anything, on account of the great distance from the cities and the long time required to get there. Coverings were gathered from what few houses there were in the neighborhood so the women and children could have some warmth. Most everyone was wet through and frightfully chilled.

#### Brought Blankets

A. J. Mendel, of the Hub, took a quantity of blankets and went with Dr. Houseworth, but the machine broke down and unfortunately the blankets did not reach there early.

#### Offered His Room

When some of the survivors reached Marshfield the proprietor of the Central Hotel left word in the restaurant for any who were wrecked to come to his place and sleep as his guests.

At first there were not many at the beach to help, but when the news of the wreck spread, big crowds gathered and everyone was being looked after.

### RIDE IN THE RAIN

WOMEN AND GIRLS FROM VESSEL HAVE HARD TRIP

With Clothing Drenched and Almost Exhausted, Brought in Auto to the City.

The first survivors to be brought away from the scene of the wreck came to Marshfield in Tom Wasson's auto. It was pouring down rain and they were just out of the water and in a pitiable condition. There were several young women and girls in the party and they suffered greatly, making the hard trip over the rough road and from the exposure in their drenched condition.

#### Ride Rough One

They shivered in the rain and were jolted about over the 18 miles of road, much of which was exceedingly rough and not pleasant to travel, even when in normal condition. One of the young ladies was in a hysterical condition and will suffer more or less from their experience.

In this first party to start for the city were A. C. Martin, of Newport; Miss Thelma Snell, of Meadovale, Wash.; Miss Rachael Crowley, of Mill City, Oregon; J. A. Cramer, of Corvallis, Wash.; and Miss Alice Church, of Marshfield.

### CAPT. LOFSTEDT IS SAVED AND PRAISED FOR BRAVERY

SOBS WHEN HUSBAND OF ONE WOMAN LOST TELLS THE SKIPPER THAT NO ONE BLAMES HIM FOR THE DISASTER.

### SAY STEERING GEAR WENT WRONG

AFTER BEING TAKEN WITH SIX OF CREW FROM SANTA CLARA IN BREECHES BUOY HE EXPLAINS HOW ACCIDENT OCCURRED.

"It was the steering gear. It went wrong somewhere and refused to answer the helm after we had turned in to cross the bar. The seas caught us then and drifted us, helpless, onto the South Spit." This was the brief statement of Captain Lofstedt of the Santa Clara, a moment after he was hauled up on the cliff overlooking the wreck in a breeches buoy. He was the last to leave his ship and came only after all lights on board had been "doused" that there might be no danger from fire.

#### COAST GUARD CREW TOIL

Captain Britt, of the Coast Guard Station, and his crew of men, toiled for hours through utter darkness and dense underbrush to get their lines and tackles rigged on the cliff overlooking the wreck and some 200 yards away. They were successful in bringing ashore in the breeches buoy the last seven men aboard, all members of the crew and including the skipper. These are some of the men who attempted to leave in the sixth life-boat which was capsized by a heavy sea, sending them all into the breakers. These seven men struggled back on board.

Practically the same story was given by Quartermaster Lahke, who was at the wheel when the Santa Clara struck. "It wouldn't work," he said last night. "I had it put far over to starboard in an effort to throw the ship away from the spit. It was no use, the wheel would not respond."

#### STRUCK ON SOUTH SPIT

Captain Lofstedt continued his story: "When the when went faulty I called from the bridge for full speed astern. It was too late then. A moment later and we struck on the South Spit. We bumped once or twice and the seas, which were fairly large then, seemed to carry us entirely over the spit and into deep water again when the vessel swung clear for a time.

#### AFRAID TO LOWER ANCHOR

"I was afraid to lower by anchors there. Not a bit of chance of getting the ship out, and I thought if she was going to be a total wreck the best way would be to let her drift as far inshore as possible to give the people a better chance of getting saved"

#### CAPTAIN OLSON APPROVED

Captain Olson, of the Adeline, told him: "Captain, you did exactly right. We were watching you and knew that the lowering of the anchors would not have been for the best. You did exactly right all the way through and I want to commend you"

Before the Coast Guard men reached the bluff the men aboard the Santa Clara had rigged their line gun from a point abaft their funnel and on the second attempt had shot a line directly over the limb of the tree to which it was later made fast.

#### Delay Explained

Captain Lofstedt explained their delay in getting the line ashore. "In the excitement someone threw the caps overboard. We tried to find more and later lighted the powder with newspapers. I was afraid someone was going to get hurt."

#### Note Is Sent Ashore

The breeches buoy was rigged, a note was sent on the first rope to the men aboard the doomed craft. The first man off was C. Carlson, night watchman. He reported everything all right on board, though said the ship had filled with water and was going to pieces in places.

Captain Olson, of the Adeline, had early come to the point with two seamen from his ship left lying in the lower bay. She was ready to go out when the Santa Clara went ashore.

"It's all all over with now," declared Captain Lofstedt. "Let me get down to my passengers."

#### Captain Showed Great Feeling

Through it all the skipper held his nerve until the very last when his pent up feelings overcame him for a few moments on the beach. Every one of the officers, the sailors and the passengers had only praise for the cool headed way in which he directed the lowering of the life boats from the bridge. The crew went to their posts, as in drill, and there seems to have been very little confusion about the decks.

#### Coast Guard Hurried Down

When the Coast Guard lookout at the North jetty reported the wreck, Captain Britt and his men hurried down from the station in their power boat. They saw nothing could be done from inside the bar and went back for their breeches buoy and gun to shoot a line from the cliff north of Bastendorf beach.

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