# MAGNETIZED THE VESSEL

## British Ships Mohican Encounters Strange Phenomenon at Delaware Breakwater.

## SAILORS PRAYED IN FEAR

### Fiery Cloud Enveloped Ship and Everything on Deck Was Rendered Absolutely Immovable.

Philadelphia, Aug. 1.—The British ship Mohican, while making for the Delaware breakwater, has encountered a strange phenomenon. A cloud of phosphoric appearance enveloped the vessel, magnetizing everything on board. Captain Urquhart says the vessel and crew had a fiery coating.

"When the sailors saw it," said the captain, "they rushed along the deck in consternation. I looked at the needle and it was flying around like an electric fan. I ordered several of the crew to move some iron chains that were lying on the deck, thinking to distract their attention. The sailors could not budge the chains, although they did not weigh more than 75 pounds each.

"Everything was magnetized, and chains, bolts, spikes and screws were as tight on the deck as if they had been riveted there. The cloud was so dense that it was impossible for the vessel to proceed. I could not see beyond the decks. It appeared as if the whole world was a mass of glowing fire. The sailors fell on the decks and prayed. Suddenly the cloud began to lift. The phosphorescent glow on the ship and the crew began to fade. In a few minutes the cloud passed over the vessel and we saw it moving over the sea."

### SENT TO ASYLUM.

Seattle, Aug. 1.—Fritz Wusthoff, the young man who has been causing excitement among residents in the vicinity of Twenty-sixth avenue and Yesler way by throwing rocks through the windows of the houses of that neighborhood, was committed to the asylum for the insane by Judge Griffin Saturday.

The evidence brought out a very sad history. The young man, now only 24 years old, has suffered from epilepsy ever since he was 9 years old, when he was kicked in the head by a horse. Until recently he has been perfectly docile, and while feeble-minded, was of a very peaceable disposition.

A few days ago Wusthoff developed a violent turn, and chased a number of the women living near his home into their houses and hurled rocks through the windows. He was arrested Friday and examined Saturday before a commission of physicians and was by them pronounced insane.

### BIND BOY TO BRIDGE.

#### Tramps Atack Group Bathing in the Puyallup.

Tacoma, Aug. 1.—Two men, supposed to be tramps, tied 15-year-old Willie Fuhrmefster to one of the timbers of the Interurban bridge crossing the Puyallup river late Saturday afternoon, and it was about four hours before the boy was found by searching parties.

The child was bathing in the Puyallup river with several of his companions when the men suddenly appeared and began throwing sticks and stones at them. All the boys were fortunate in getting their clothing and scampering away with the exception of the Fuhrmeister child. As he made a dive for his clothes one of the tramps caught him, and with a rope they carried, bound him hand and foot, and tied him to the bridge.

The othr children ran to their homes and the Fuhrmeister child was not missed until supper time. The motive of the tramps is not known, the boys declaring they did nothing to enrage them.

### BADLY INJURED BY BEAR.

#### Animal in Trenton Park Severely Claws Seven-Year-Old Boy.

Trenton, N. J., Aug. 1.—Several hundred persons saw a brown bear attempting to eat seven-year-old Robert Mayer at the bear pit in Cadwadaller park yesterday. The little fellow had ventured near the cage of the animal and was caught and held by the beast putting its claws through the bear's cage. The animal tore off the shoe of his right foot and had sunk its tooth in the boy's leg before the chief of the park guards rescued the lad. The chief used his club on the animal and broke its hold on the boy. The little fellow was hurried to the hospital, where his injuries were found to be so severe that he will be lamed in all probability for life.

### Great Day at Coney Island.

New York, Aug. 1.—Sunday was the biggest day in Coney Island's history according to expert counters. It is estimated that fully 500,000 persons went to the resort by trolley cars, trains and boats. The crowd was well handled.

### CAN YOU SEE THE JOKE?

#### Portland Bridegroom Jobbed by Friends on Wedding Morn.

Portland Telegram: Married at 6 o'clock in the morning, forced to ride in an express wagon to the Ash street dock, and commanded to make a speech, with the loss of his bride as a penalty for noncompliance, was the unhappy introduction to wedded bliss of a young business man of Portland. The identity of the young man cannot be ascertained. He is known only to the friends who put up the job on him and his bride, and they refuse to give any information, further than that the wedding took place on Hall street, between Sixth and Seventh, and that the groom was the victim of a deeply planned "job." But here is the story, as told by one of them:

The groom and the bride did not wish to have a prosaic July wedding, and so they left all the arrangements to the warmest friend of the former, who also was to act as best man. Wednesday night the arrangement committee gave notice that the wedding must take place at 6 o'clock Thursday morning. The young couple, after due consideration, thought it best to obey the committee's order. At 5:30 a. m. Thursday, Patrick Kinney, coachman, was aroused from his dreams and told to bring Rev. D. Wilson to the residence, and also to have an expressman there at the same time. The wedding ceremony was performed in a few minutes, and as the happy young people and their friends were descending the stairs, Kinney held the carriage door open in expectation of the pleasure of welcoming his 27th bridal couple of the year.

But he was disappointed, for to his surprise the couple were hustled into the express wagon which stood near by, and the trunks and a couple of friends were put into the carriage. Then the order came to proceed to the Ash street dock. When the dock was reached, the groom was surrounded in the express wagon and the bride was carried off to a safe distance. Then he was told that if he did not make a speech he would be put in the position of a German gentleman who from the stress of financial circumstances had to make his wedding tour alone. He hesitated for a few minutes, but the warning whistle of the Astoria boat, which he and his bride were to take, determined him. He made the speech, his bride was restored to him, and they boarded the boat.

Since the eventful morning no news has been received from the couple, but it is supposed they are enjoying a pleasant trip.

### NO FLAWS IN IT.

A New York silverware drummer just back from a far western trip brings home this "tale of the road." Half a dozen traveling men, he says, were waiting in an Indiana town station the other evening for a train for Chicago. A fierce storm was raging.

"This is a sorry night to be on the road," remarked the shoe drummer.

"Yes," said the cigar man, "and it was just such a night as this last summer when a train on the road struck a bad place four miles east of here and the next instant ran off the bridge. I was the only passenger on the train to escape with his life."

"What month was that in?" he was asked.

"Later part of July."

"I fail to recall that wreck," said one of the crowd.

"So do I," said another.

"How many did you say were killed?" asked the shoe drummer.

"Didn't say any one was killed," replied the cigar man.

"You didn't, eh? You said you were the only passenger who escaped with life."

"Certainly. That's asily accountd for," explained the cogar man, looking innocent. "I was the only passenger on the train."

"Aha! That's your game, is it?" said the shoe drummer.

"Hold on, there!" said the only one in the party who had not spoken up to this time, as he bustled up in front of the cigar man. "You said the train struck a bad place in the road."

"So it did, but it got over it all right."

"It did, eh?" But how about running off the bridge?"

"That's all right. We ran off after we had crossed it. The story is all right, boys. You can't find any flaw in it."



### NOTICE FOR BIDS.

Notice is hereby given, that up to the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. on Monday, the 8th day of August, 1904, the committee on Public Property of the common council of the City of Astoria, at the office of the Auditor and Police Judge therein, will receive sealed bids for the construction of a City Hall for the City of Astoria according to the plans and specifications therefor on file in the office of the Auditor and Police Judge, and ordinance number 2955 of said city providing for the time and manner of constructing said City Hall. The bids must be accompanied with a certified check of the bidder payable to the Auditor and Police Judge or order, in five per cent of the amount bid, to be forfeited to the City of Astoria in case the bid shall be accepted and the bidder shall fail to enter into contract within three days from notice of said acceptance.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

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Committee on Public Property of the Common Council of the City of As-

Office C. Q. M., Vancouver Barracks, Wash., July 5, 1904.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 11 o'clock, a. m., August 4, 1904, for furnishing forage and bedding at posts in this department, for year ending June 30, 1905. Information furnished here or by quartermasters at posts. U. S. reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals or any part thereof. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked: "Proposals for Forage and Bedding at ——" addressed F. G. Hodgson, C. Q. M.



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Office Constructing Quartermaster, Astoria, Ore., July 28, 1904:—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received at this office until 10 o'clock a. m., August 27, 1904, and then opened for the construction and plumbing of an addition to a frame guardhouse at Fort Stevens, Ore. United States reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Plans can be seen and specifications obtained at this office. Envelopes should be marked "Proposals for construction," and addressed, Captain Goodale, Quartermaster, Astoria, Oregon.