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A TALE OF WOE AND WORRY

BEING A SIGNED STATEMENT BY PETER CHRISTENSEN OF HIS LIFE ON A LIGHTHOUSE TENDER

A signed statement which appears below was made in the office of the Morning Astorian yesterday, July 19th. As to the facts the Astorian knows nothing about them and simply prints the statement for what it is worth. Of the men mentioned in the statement Peter Christensen is in Astoria and the rest are in the neighborhood.

Statement.
 On or about May 3rd, 1907, the light-house tender Armeria was in the harbor at Astoria, and she was short of hands. Peter Christensen and his six friends—George Ray, Peter Johnson, George Steiner, Mr. Burns, Hugo Gustafson, and Mr. Mirion, offered their services, and seven men being just the complement required, they were accepted. Captain Gregory, the skipper, did not make them sign any papers but put the men to work at once, deckhandling and so forth. Presently the vessel cleared from Astoria for Seattle. Some time was put in there and she was once more on the move for Alaska. In the meantime the routine work of a lighthouse tender was gone through. Stores, fuel, oil and so forth were left at various lighthouses and life-saving stations. But, much to the sevens' grief, they had generally to work from 12 to 15 hours a day including Sundays, instead of 8 1-2 hours, as they knew the government service called for, with Sundays off. The second Sunday in Alaskan waters they complained of the hardness of their lot to the captain. The captain referred them to Commander Verlich of the U. S. N. The commander agreed that the hours might seem rather long, but that later they would have lots of rest between stations. They went away somewhat mollified. But the third Sunday brought round the usual grind of work and again they complained, this time straight to the commander. He abused them, and refused to listen to them without the intervention of Captain Gregory.

Finally the commander and captain came to them with a document which they wished the whole crew to sign. All signed but the seven, and on their refusal, they were told to get off the

WILLARD COMPANY ARRIVES

WILL OPEN ON THE 27th AND WILL PLAY A FIVE-WEEK SEASON AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

It will be very pleasant news to all Astoria theater goers to hear that Mr. Willard has returned to the city after an absence of a year. Mr. Willard intends to open at the Astoria theater on the 27th inst. To this end he has leased the house from Mr. Elvers for five weeks, which will be the length of his season here. Since he left Astoria, besides touring all through the west, Mr. Willard went as far East as New York where he was fortunate in securing the services of Miss Ethel Roberts as his leading lady. Miss Roberts has played continuously in stock companies in the east and has earned for herself a very enviable reputation for talent and versatility. Practically the whole of the present company which numbers 12 is new to Astoria. It is moreover a very strong one, and gives promise to Astorians of some very delightful evenings in the near future. As usual Mr. Willard will make a great point of his accessories, such as scenery, properties, and wardrobes. All these have been the subject of the greatest care and much study and forethought. Although his tour in the middle west was eminently successful Mr. Willard was utterly tired and worn out by the extreme heat, and he declares he is delighted to return to the genial and bracing summer climate of the Columbia River.

The company has a varied repertoire and will make a change in the bill two or three times a week. Amongst the plays to be presented are "My Partner," "The Silver King," "Texas Ranger," "Camille," "Nevada," and "A Western Gentleman."

ship within the hour. This they had to do at Juneau. And at that town they were refused work wherever they applied, and so eventually had to make their way to Seattle and thence to Astoria. This cost them \$25 cash. Besides their fares they were out their wages for five weeks of the best part of the summer. They have not received a dollar between them yet, and the tender Armeria is still in Alaska.
 (Signed), PETER CHRISTENSEN.

GEORGIA DISASTER

Conclusion Arrived at by Naval Investigating Board.

"A DELAYED FLARE BACK"

Naval Officers Receive the Report With Sense of Relief It Showing That They Had No New Element of Danger To Contend With.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—By elimination the naval board which has been investigating the accident in which the men in the turret of the battleship Georgia lost their lives has arrived at the conclusion that a "Delayed flare-back" caused the catastrophe. In one sense the verdict is received with a distinct sense of relief by naval officers because it showed that they had no new element of danger to contend with. They had experienced "Flarebacks" before and thought that they knew how to deal with them. "Delayed flareback" is caused by closing off too soon the blast of compressed air which is supposed to expel from the bore of the gun the unburnt gases and fragments of smouldering powder covering which might be left from the last discharge.

THE COLD BATH.

Many Men Say They Like It, but They Don't Like It.

In a paper read at a meeting of an association for the study of tuberculosis an eminent doctor said that one of the curious facts connected with the practice of the cold bath in the morning is that so many of its votaries positively declare that they enjoy it. He contends that they do not and cannot enjoy it. The doctor is doubtless right as far as he goes, but he does not go far enough. He misses the main point, perhaps the only point worth emphasizing.

There is abundant reason to believe that the most curious fact connected with the cold bath in the morning is that so many people who insist that they enjoy it do not take it. There is vicarious atonement, and there is also vicarious bathing, and it is a very easy matter to enjoy a bath that is not taken, the bath of somebody else. Almost anybody gifted with a little imagination can give the praises of a cold bath in the morning. There are the pleasurable, even delightful, shudders of the first dip and splash; the brisk rub with a coarse crash towel; the warm, health giving glow; the new man feeling, exhilarating, uplifting, as one gets into his attire for the day's work, and, above all, the sense of cleanliness imparted by the cold bath every morning.

And it is equally easy to take a cold bath every morning. It only remains to turn on the hot water faucet and enter the tub. Or both faucets may be turned on and, without entering the tub, one may stir the water violently with his hands, draw long breaths and shiver, not perceptibly, but audibly. It will all sound remarkably lifelike, this performance, wonderfully like taking a cold bath. Even an alert and suspicious sentinel, stationed at the door, his ear delicately attuned to what is going on within, may be readily deceived by the cold bath in the morning.

Contemplate, some brooding August forenoon, the man who tells you that he fairly revels in the cold bath on winter mornings as he gingerly steers his bare feet through the ripples that are lazily lapping the beach at a shore resort, and believe in him and trust him if you can. Watch him advance as if he were going to meet his doom, hesitate, glance shoreward longingly, retreat, immersing himself slowly, reluctantly, inch by inch. Suddenly he remembers that he must wet his head if he would avoid a chill, and he pauses to shampoo his hair in the sud sea waves—this here of a thousand frigid baths on a thousand frozen mornings! As a matter of fact, what a man may do alone with his sponge in his bathroom no other man may know, and what he pretends he does may be as "false as divers' oaths."—Providence Tribune.

CULINARY CONCEITS.

Apples will not turn dark when pared if dropped into water to which lemon juice has been added.

When cooking rabbit always remove the kidney fat and the flavor of the meat will be greatly improved.

For a green omelet mix minced parsley with the beaten egg before turning it into the pan, and then cook without browning.

Instead of stuffing dates with nuts fry filling them with cream cheese for an afternoon tea relish. Finely chopped nuts mixed with the cheese is an addition.

When frying croquettes or doughnuts in fat it is well to drop in a small bit of bread when smoke begins to rise. If in about five minutes the bread begins to brown, the fat is ready for use.

Into the pot of boiling mutton drop an onion into which a clove has been stuck, a small carrot and a small bit of bay leaf. If the liquor is to be used for a soup, add a couple of tablespoonfuls of barley.

WELL KNOWN SALEM LADY DIES.

SALEM, Ore., July 19.—Mrs. Ellen Elizabeth Meyers, wife of Joseph Myers, senior member of the old established mercantile firm of Joseph Myers & Sons, of this city, died at the family home at 11 o'clock last evening of chronic nephritis, aged 59 years. Mrs. Meyers was a native of Newport, Nova Scotia. She was married to Mr. Myers in Linn's Valley, Cal., in December, 1866, and has been a resident of Salem since 1880. Six sons and three daughters survive her. Best funeral service.

IN THE CITY CHURCHES.

Baptist.
 The services will be as follows: Morning, "The Conquering Life"; evening, "The Comedy of the Ten Talented Man." The Old Testament character who furnishes this theme is Haman. The interest manifested in these Sunday evening addresses is in every way encouraging; 10 a. m., Sunday school, S. K. Diebel, superintendent; Young People's Meeting, C. L. Owen, leader. All are invited to attend these meetings. Conrad L. Owen, pastor.

Norwegian-Danish M. E.
 Corner of Duane and Thirty-seventh streets. Sunday school at 10 o'clock; preaching at 11 morning and 8 evening. Every Thursday night short sermon and prayer meeting. The Scandinavian people of Astoria who have no church home are cordially invited to attend. Elias Gjending, pastor.

First M. E.
 The morning sermon topic for next Sunday will be "The Pre-eminence of Christ." In the evening the theme will be "Religion and Laughter." The subject at the mid-week service on Wednesday evening will be "Jesus and Prayer." You will enjoy all the services at this church. Strangers will be made to feel at home. Good music and splendid congregational singing. "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good." C. C. Ravick, pastor.

Presbyterian.
 The pastor will preach morning and evening. Morning worship, 11 o'clock; "The Conversion of Isaiah." Evening worship, 8:00 o'clock; "Four Modern Miracles." Sunday school, 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E., 7:00 o'clock. At the Endeavor meeting the delegates of the National Convention at Seaside will report. All are invited to attend all services. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor.

Christian Science.
 Services will be held at 634 Grand avenue, Sunday, at 11 a. m. Subject, "Truth." All are invited.

Grace.
 Services at Grace Church are as follows: Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 12:30 m. The Rev. John Page of Pennsylvania, will preach at the morning service and the Rev. John Warren in the evening. Service at Holy Innocents' chapel, Uppertown, at 3:30 p. m. and Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Congregational.
 Morning service at 11 o'clock, subject: "Burdens, How to Ease Them." Evening service at 8 o'clock, subject: "A Searching Question." Sunday school at 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m. Mid-week meeting, Wednesday, at 8 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend all these services. You will meet with a hearty welcome, and hear a helpful message. G. E. Moorehouse, Ph. D.

First Lutheran.
 Sunday school at 9:30, Miss Alema Nyland, superintendent. Sunday school also at the German Lutheran church, Mrs. A. Young, superintendent. Morning service at 10:45; theme for sermon, "Deceived." Evening service in English at 8 o'clock, "Building For The Future," will be the theme at the evening service. English service also at the German Lutheran church at 3 o'clock. To these services all are cordially invited. Gustaf E. Rydquist, pastor.

Bad Burn Quickly Healed.
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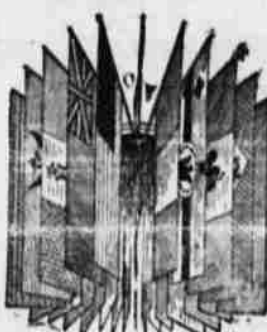
When the National first announced its intention of catering to the working classes the old established houses foretold its "finish"; but as time went on, with the National ever forging ahead and with an ever-increasing and thoroughly satisfied clientele and forced to make extensive alterations and enlargements in its quarters, then the "Wise ones" began to think the National was a winner and we received the highest and sincerest flattery any individual or concern can receive—imitation.

And hosts of pleased patrons continue the evidence of their appreciation of this now famous establishment where fair treatment is the rigid rule—not the exception.

Astoria is to be congratulated on having a concern of this character in its midst. The manager said this morning: "During our opening sale we will give values which will firmly establish the National in the favor of Astoria's purchasing public from the very beginning, and the motto of the parent store will be no less the slogan of the permanent Astoria branch." Once our customer, always our customer.

Was In Poor Health For Years.
 Ire W. Kelley, of Mansfield, Pa., writes: "I was in poor health for two years, suffering from kidney and bladder trouble, and spent considerable money consulting physicians without obtaining any marked benefit, but was cured by Foley's Kidney Cure, and I desire to add my testimony that it may be the cause of restoring the health of others." Refuse substitutes.
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