The Weather-Fair tonight and

tomorrow; northwest winds.

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# FIRST SURVIVOR TELLS OF AWFUL HORRORS OF WRECK

Mrs. Leidert Reaches San Captain Doran Remains on Francisco, Suffering Terribly From Exhausting Strain and Exposure Before She Reached Shore. Could Not Escape.

Experience Reached Limit of Master of Columbia Proves Human Endurance - Intense Suffering From Lack of Clothing and Freezing Wind—Doran a Hero.

Passengers missing or dead (estimated) ..... 79 Members of crew missing or dead Members of crew saved . . . . . . 42

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) San Francisco. July 23.—Battered and bruised, a nervous wreck, haggard, with the eyes of death, shrieks and roaring water sounding in her ears, Mrs. Ottilla Leidelt of 1328 Larkin street, San Francisco, the first survivor of the ill-fated Columbia to reach this apply in the thought of visiting her old home and admired as Miss Rose Weatherly. The two met in Portland, where Winters was engaged upon The Oregon Journal as foreman, but subsequently removed to this city, where he took a position on the Chronicle.

Mrs. Winters embarked upon the ill-fated Columbia to reach this happy in the thought of visiting her old home and again meeting her former city, arrived in the cabin of the steamer Pomons, which left its mark on her. Here is her story:

"I was awake in my berth on the port side of the Columbia Saturday night when the collision occurred," That far she got in her narrative when the horror of the situation struck her with renewed force and she hid her face in

"Awful: Oh, those shricks. That ex-"Awful: Oh, those shrieks. That excitement. I cannot forget them. I never knew I could go through such an experience and live. I never could do it again. My stateroom was number 42. The fog had frightened me and I could not sleep. It was all so dark outside and everything I had ever heard about excitement at sea passed through my mind.

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"The boat was going along slowly, when suddenly the engines stopped. Then hurrying feet passed my window. I was frightened, and opening the window looked out. I could see nothing. The engines started up again, there was a crash, followed by creams and shouts and more running around. I got out of my stateroom; every one was excited—every one except the captain. He stood on the bridge, his arms extended, beging the passengers to be cool. The stood at the boats, cutting away the less that held them. There was no chance to lower them. All who could pulled on the boats. Lots of people jumped over the side, trying to climb on bits of wood which were floating in the water. I did not have time to think. I ran to the side. There, under the side, was a raft. There was nobody on it. I jumped. How I got on it I don't know. But I struck the raft and injured my hip. Other women got on the raft too. I den't know how they got on; some crawled from the water, others jumped from the boat.

Golumbia Goes Down.

Columbia Goes Down. Then the Columbia went down, bow first, and then over her whole length. The raft whirled around and the water washed over us. Two women and a little child were washed off and I never saw them again. One woman was left. (Continued on Page Ten.)

SHOOTS WIFE IN BACK, BELIEVING

SHE IS BURGLAR

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, July 23 .- Mistaking his wife for a burglar early this morning Joseph Lauderbauerer shot and killed her in their home. Lauderbauerer was aroused by a noise. Seeing a form in the dark he reached for his revolver and fired, the bullet striking his wife in the back, killing her instantly.

MURDERER SINGS AS

(Journal Special Service) Pittsburg, July 23 .- Dowling Green, an African, was hanged this morning for wife murder. He went to the gal-

CHURCH CONVENTION WILL OPEN TONIGHT

Santa Cruz. Cal., July 23.—The jubi-les convention of the Christian churches of California opens touight at Garfield

Bridge, Calmly Directing Efforts of Men to Save the Passengers, Knowing He

Himself a Hero of Finest Type When Overtaken by Disaster Off Shelter Cove Saturday.

San Francisco, July 28 .- One of the saddest of all tales which come from the wreck of the Columbia is the re-(estimated) ...... 16 ported loss of the young wife and two baby children of H. T. Winters of this city. One of the children was a boy 21/2 years of age and the other an in-

Mrs Winters was from Oregon and formerly a resident of Tillamook, some property interests and incidentally to pay a visit to friends. Before her marriage to Mr. Winters she was widely

home and again meeting her former friends. Mr. Winters is heartbroken over his loss. There is still hope that his family may be among those on the lifeboats at Shelter cove. Meroic Tale of Sea,

One of the thrilling features of the wreck is the story of the death of Captain Doran. It is one of the heroic tales of the sea. Inspired by the splendid example of the captain, the crew of the Columbia went about the work of quiet-

Columbia went about the work of quieting the passengers and getting them into
liferafts and boats with wonderful calmness. But the sea poured into the shattered hull with ominous swiftness.
Through it all the captain stood upon
the bridge and directed the work with
strong and steady voice. He knew that
his time had come and had made up his mind that he would die as an American skipper should die—on the bridge with his vessel and to the last directing the work of saving his passengers.

Then Captain Doran, officer and gentleman, unafraid, gripping the rail of the bridge, was swallowed up.
Captain Doran was appointed to the Columbia the latter part of 1899 and his career as a navigator was remarkably clear of accidents. Doran bore the reputation of being one of the best informed men on the coast-wise trade, and his conscientious carefulness was a byword among seafaring folk and was a byword among seafaring folk and was largely responsible for the Columbia's popularity, as a passenger boat. Doran was about 50 years of age and is sur-vived by a widow. He leaves no chil-

Among those rescued from the wreck Among those rescued from the wreck were Lou Cannon, a successful young contractor, and his sister, Miss Stella Cannon, a well known music teacher. Their mother, Mrs. R. B. Cannon, who was 80 years of age, was lost. The Cannons started for Portland on a vacation trip intending to spend a few weeks with the son and brother, R. D. Cannon, city editor of the Evening Telegram. They had looked forward with pleasure to the voyage and to the reunion and had made arrangements to establish themselves with relatives establish themselves with relatives after returning, having been separated during the greater part of the last year

and a half. Visited in Berkeley.

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Mrs. Cannon had only recently returned from St. Louis. Until last Saturday she was the guest of Mrs. C. J. Wetzel, of 2300 Bancroft way, Berkeley. Miss Anna Wetzel accompanied Mrs. Cannon to this side of the bay on Saturday and was the last to bid her good-by as the boat pulled out. She had intended to make the voyage herself, but at the last moment decided not to go.

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Among the missing is Miss Jeanette Benson, who was on her way to visit her mother. Mrs. Almira Hakes, of South Liberty street, Salem, Oregon, Most pathetic of the horrors of the shrouded midnight sea were those heartrending scenes when one member of the family was saved, only to find that his loved ones who had journeyed by his side were among the drowned.

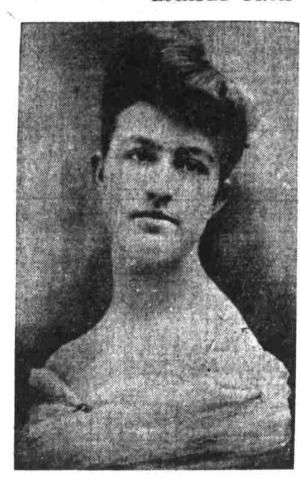
Bride Loses Husband.

Young and beautiful Mrs. E. O. Leggett, a bride of a few weeks, searched in vain on the lumber-piled decks of the San Fedro for her husband. As, one

(Continued on Page Two)

Steamer Pomona Arrives at Golden Gate With RESCUE One Woman Passenger From Columbia and Thirty Members of the Crew.

ESCAPED FROM THE COLUMBIA WRECK





MISS HELEN CHURCHLEY AND HER SISTER, MRS. C. A. EASTMAN.

# Probable That Steamer Was Not Equipped With Watertight Bulkheads or That They Were Not in Good Working Order.

(Journal Special Service.)

San Francisco, July 23.—The steamer Pomona from Eureka arrived in this port this morning with 31 survivors from the steamer Columbia aboard. Among this number was one woman passenger, the others being members of the crew of the ill fated craft.

Additional details of the Columbia disaster are coming in slowly on account of the poor communication facilities with Eureka, but it is reported that the death list will not be so large as was feared earlier in the day.

been 159 persons save from the illfated vessel. Of this number there were 117 passengers and 42 members of the ship's crew. The number of dead is hard to ascertain but it is believed that the list, which has now been cut down materially will be still smaller before the day is over.

A life raft which landed at Shelter Cove last night contained: B. R. Kriever of Present Laws. Laceb Vires of Code.

water, Nevada; Armand Caderette of Officials of the company here believe New Bedford, Massachusetts; David
Dosten, fireman of the Columbia; Charles
McCoy, an oiler of the Columbia; D. S.
McAlpine, watchman of the Columbia;
Emil Mann, sailor of the Columbia;
Mr. Lewis of Pasadena; Edwin Wallin
of Oakland; Bianche Musser of Salt
Lake; Ruby Cooper of Fayette, Missouri;
Michael Redman of San Francisco, and
B. W. Graham of Portland.

Up to noon no additional bodies or
survivors had been found.

the Columbia had water-light compartments but they are not certain on that
point.

It is argued that in case it can be
proven that the craft was not properly
bulkheaded those at the head of the
Harriman system may have to answer
for the loss of the unfortunate ones
who went down with the ship. It is
helf that had the steamer been divided
into several compartments the terrible
disaster could not have occurred, even
if the San Pedro had cut off the entire

GRAVE QUESTION

Up to the present time there have Officials Do Not Know Whether Co-

lumbia's Bulkheads Watertight. A question of the gravest importance likely to come up at the investigation of the Columbia collision to be held before the inspectors at San Francisco in due time will likely be "was the vessel equipped with water-tight bulkheads, of Prescott, Iowa; Jacob Kure of Gold- and if so were they in working order.

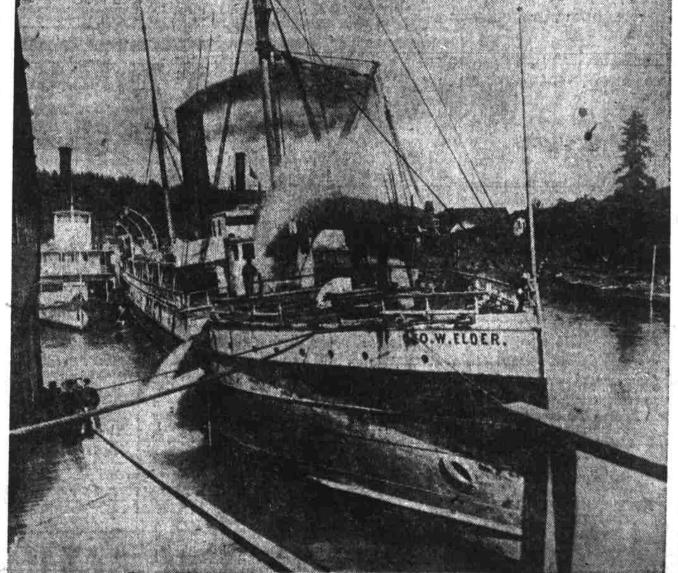
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if the San Pedro had cut off the entire if the San Pedro, had cut off the entire bow of the Columbia or stove in all of one side. In any event, the craft would have remained affoat long enough to give the passengers and crew time to seek safety in the boats. As it was, she went down like a chunk of metal in al-most less time than it took to realize that a collision had occurred. that a collision had occurred.

In view of the rapid sinking of the vessel Captain Doran and the officers

under him are complimented upon their excellent work in getting so many of the passengers aroused from their slumber (Continued on Page Six.)

STEAMER GEORGE W. ELDER



MANY OF THE SURVIVORS OF THE COLUMBIA DISASTER WILL BE BROUGHT TO PORTLAND TOMORROW MORNING BY THE NORTH PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S STEAMSHIP GEORGE W.

# BRAVE ACT

After Small Dory Containing Many Who Believed Loved Two Greeks Is Blown Over Columbia Bar to Sea, Frail Boat Capsizes and Captain Is Drowned.

After Fierce Battle With the Sixteen-Year-Old Maybelle Rough Sea Party of Portland Pleasure Seekers Brought Living Seaman Ashore Off Ocean Side.

A story of the frightful experiences fishermen and the daring rescue of one brought to Portland today by people re-Andrea Basileo, captain of the dory, off Shelter cove. and A. Niklas were the two unfortunate gill-netters who were compelled to remain drifting in the icy water from 2 for definite information. To some this o'clock Sunday morning until 10 o'clock, was given, to others only a word of Dory Swept Over Bar.

Saturday night during a strong wind the boat, which had been operating in the Columbia river, was swept over the bar with its two occupants. Andres, the drowned man, was 22 years old and his companion was about 45. At 2 colock a sudden strong gust sent the boat over on its side and swept the two fishermen from their positions. They fishermen from their positions. They managed to grab hold of the side and sustain themselves in the water, being

free above the waist In this position they drifted for eight hours down past Long Beach, Tloga and the Breakers. In front of North Head lighthouse they yelled at the top of their voices for a lifeline, but could not

lighthouse they yelled at the top of their voices for a lifeline, but could not raise an answer.

Six hours after the boat capsized Captain Baslico, who was counted an exceptionally strong swimmer, parted with Niklas, who had never done a stroke, and started for shore, balf a mile distant, with a small line. Fifty feet from the boat he became entangled in the rope and was compelled to return to the craft. His lower limbs were turn to the craft. His lower limbs were with communication again establishmumb and almost useless, but he cast numb and almost useless, but he cast off again and when a hundred yards

Saw Mead Bobbing in Surf.

At 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning, while sitting at the breakfast table little Helen Weber, daughter of H. C. Weber Helen Weber, daughter of H. C. Weber of Buffum & Pendleton, noticed a man's head bobbing in the surf. She called to older persons around and told of the discovery, but at the time it was not believed the object could be human. A powerful telescope in the hands of H. C. Campbell of the Pacific Bridge company of Portiand, whose cottage is near by, showed plainly the form of a man clinging to the boat and no time was lost in securing a launch and going to the ressecuring a launch and going to the res-

securing a launch and going to the rescue, through the whitecaps.

Will Cake, son of Judge Jake of Portland, and Leland L. Smith, a son of W. V. Smith, assisted Mr. Campbell in the rescue and later helped to resuctate the fisherman. Another hour and the fisherman would have lost conscious-ness. His lower limbs were paralyzed from exposure to the cold water. over, he soon recovered and was able to be around in a few hours.

Many compliments were extended the rescuers by the beach population for their quick action in saving the Greek from a watery grave.

PATIENT AT ASYLUM STRANGLES HIMSELF

Elmer I. Webb of Baker City Ends His Life by Noose Attached to His Bed Frame.

morning committed suicide by hanging himself with a piece of a sheet torn from his bed. The iron bed not being high enough to enable him to suspend his body from it, he used only a short length of the strip of cloth and, throw-ing himself volently face downward several times, he strangled himself to

several times, he strangled himself to death.

This was made apparent by the position in which the unfortunate man was found by the night watch at 3 o'clock, when aroused by the cry of another patient. Before the attendant could arrive life was extinct.

Webb was 29 years of age and was committed from Baker City. The coroner concluded that no inquest was necessary. The remains will be sent to Baker City for burial.

BACK BROKEN BY

FALL DOWN STAIRS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Vancouver, B. C., July 23.—Mrs.
Boyle of this city, mot with a serious
and probably fatal accident this morning. She fell down two flights of
stairs in her home, breaking her back
in the upper lumbar region, and from
that point her body and limbs are com-

Ones Had Perished Overjoyed When Messages Finally Come That Friends and Relatives Are Safe.

Watson Proves a Heroine -Willing to Sacrifice Life for Another-Some Still to Be Heard From.

Many were the prayers of joy which and terrible sufferings of two Greek were raised last night and this morning when glad tidings came either from the after the other had been drowned was loved ones themselves or word was conveyed in dispatches that relatives and turning from a week-end at Seaside friends had been saved from the disaster

Newspaper offices last night were besieged by the anxious ones who begged was given, to others only a word of hope could be held out.

without rest. Inquiries came without interruption and the offices themselves were crowded at times by those seeking some tangible clue upon which they could base hope of again seeing their friends or relatives.

Hope Is Bevived.

With communication again established with the seacoast town last night, details took more definite shape and anxious ones who had tearfully waited, with hope almost gone, were rewarded with personal messages and cheering dispatches, which appeared in the newspecture.

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The first survivor to get word to this city was Miss Anna Shouldice, who telegraphed from Eureka late last evening to Mrs. Will M. Kapus, of 387 East Twelfth street, North, that she was safe and would reach this city on the George W. Elder.

Dennis Carney, 721 Multnomah street, whose family was expecting a visit from E. H. and P. M. Janney, who were on their way north from San Francisco, received the first definite news of the latter's safety from The Jeurnal.

Miss Watson's Bravery.

Philip Ashford, son of Dr. J. W. Ash-

Philip Ashford, son of Dr. J. W. Ashford, a prominent physician of Canyon City, is listed among the survivors and is due here on the Elder.

Miss Maybelle Watson of Berkeley, sister of E. A. Watson of the firm of Tull & Gibbs, was saved through the use of a life-preserver, but not until she had proved herself a heroine whose courage will for a long time to come be a matter of comment. Miss Watson was with another woman in the water and for two hours held the weaker one's head above water until help came, re-

and for two hours held the weaker one's head above water until help came, refusing even then to accept assistance until her unconscious comrade had been hauled on board one of the lifeboats.

Constable Lou Wagner, brother-in-law of Bert Lippman, who was coming from 'Frisco with his wife, was made happy this morning when word was sent him by telegraph that both were safe. Yesterday he had received information that Mr. Lippman had survived, but nothing definite regarding the latter's wife was learned until this morning.

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Anxiety is felt by the relatives of (Continue on Page Two.)

BOATMAN, NOT FAIRBANKS, SAVED DROWNING GIRL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., July 23.-Hal D. Patton. who has just returned from Yellowstone park, says the whole story of Vice-President Fairbanks rescuing a girl from drowning was made out of whole electh

from drowning was made out of whole cloth.

"The newspaper boys there were after a good story," he said, "and they got it. Things had been monotonous at the park and the capsizing of the little row-boat containing one of the popular waitrenses at the Lake horst portune. It is true that the sized, that the girl came are drowning and that the girl came are drowning as the girl came are dro