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COLUMBIA SURVIVORS DECLARE GROSS NEGLIGENCE WAS CAUSE

PEOPLE ON ELDER BLAME OFFICERS FOR NEGLIGENCE

Exhausted and Nerve Wrecked Passengers Rescued From Ill-Fated Craft Arrive at Astoria and Tell Story of Their Horrible Experiences—Women Perform Heroic Deeds

(By Don F. Steffa, Staff Correspondent of The Journal.)

Astoria, July 24.—Carelessness—gross carelessness.

It rang from one end of the steamer George W. Elder to the other this morning among the exhausted, nerve-wrecked survivors of the frightful disaster off Shelter Cove.

Mrs. J. M. Thompson, who is on her way to visit her daughter, Mrs. Marion Sanford, at Astoria.

"I was restless, had been seasick, and could not sleep. I looked out over the water several times and wondered why with the darkness and fog the fog horn was not blown, as it always has been on other steamers I've been on.

WENT DOWN WITH SHIP



On the right is Captain P. A. Doran, master of the Columbia. On the left is his first assistant engineer, M. C. Burpee.

PASSENGER WATCHED SAN PEDRO COMING FOR FIVE MINUTES

Portland Woman on Columbia Stood on Deck and Watched Schooner Bearing Down Upon Them—Only Two Children Saved of More Than Twenty-Five Aboard the Ill-Fated Boat.

(By Spencer B. Best, Staff Correspondent of The Journal.)

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REMAINED WITH MOTHER TO LAST

Son and Daughter of Mrs. R. D. Cannon Stayed by Her Side.

(By Don F. Steffa, Staff Correspondent of The Journal.)

Astoria, Or., July 24.—Eye-witnesses who saw the tragedy enacted on the deck of the Columbia, in which the mother of R. D. Cannon, city editor of the Evening Telegram, lost her life, marveled that either Miss Stella Cannon or Lewis Cannon, the brother, are alive today.

EIGHT SURVIVORS REACH PORTLAND

Crowd at Depot Welcomes Few of Columbia's Passengers Who Came by Train

(By Don F. Steffa, Staff Correspondent of The Journal.)

There were tears of sympathy in the eyes of bystanders when the train from Astoria arrived at noon today, bringing half a dozen of the survivors of the Columbia wreck. They came up from Eureka on the George W. Elder, but left the steamer at Astoria, coming on to Portland by train.

SUPERSTITION ADDS TO GRIEF

Brave Whitney of Columbia Married on Unlucky Thirteenth.

(By Don F. Steffa, Staff Correspondent of The Journal.)

One week from the day of his marriage, William F. Whitney, first officer of the steamer Columbia, was drowned when his ship went to the bottom after being rammed by the San Pedro off Shelter Cove on the California coast.

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"We were not there and did not see the accident," said Purser W. M. Smith of the Elder. "We were on our way to Portland from San Francisco and were steaming up the coast when we found the life boats and rafts with the survivors. We rescued most of the San Pedro's crew and from them learned many of the fatalities of the wreck."

TWO NARROW ESCAPES

Miss Griese Overboard Twice and Finally Saved by Woman.

Astoria, July 24.—Miss Emma Griese, a school teacher of Cleveland, Ohio, is the woman whose life, twice despaired of, was saved through the heroism and unrelenting efforts of Miss Maybelle Watson, sister of E. A. Watson, of Portland.

STEAMSHIP ELDER DUE AT SIX O'CLOCK

The steamship Geo. W. Elder will be in the harbor at about 6 o'clock this evening from Eureka with those survivors of the steamer Columbia who decided to come to Portland. She left Astoria at 10 o'clock and the run up the river usually consumes from eight to nine hours.

YANKEES MEET JAPS AT GARDEN PARTY

Best, France, July 24.—Japanese and American naval officers today are mingling with the greatest cordiality, but the American tars are kept aboard as a precaution against a clash.

PIPE SMOKER CAUSES EXPLOSION IN MINE

(Journal Special Service.) Grafton, W. Va., July 24.—Three men were killed and six badly injured today in an explosion in the two Lick mine. A man with a pipe caused the explosion. The loss of property was heavy.

LOST WIFE AND BABIES

Olaf Peterson Struggled in Vain to Save Their Lives. Astoria, July 24.—Olaf Peterson is the name of a survivor of the Columbia disaster whose grief may be even greater than that of others of the unfortunate. He lost his wife, two children and barely escaped with his own life.

COLUMBIA SWEPT QUICKLY

All this time the Columbia held to her course, until the very last minute, when she swerved quickly in response to the ruder and struck her bow down directly in the path of the on-rushing vessel.

SAVED FROM SEA

"I was walking on the deck for more than one hour before the disaster," said Louib Cannon. "I had been there in a berth for two hours, unconscious. For six hours prior to that time I had lain without regaining my senses on the raft from which we had finally been rescued."

WOMAN DECLARES BOILERS EXPLODED

Brave Child Saves Her Little Girl Friend From Drowning in Ocean. Mrs. J. A. Johnson. "I did not see myself comfortably when something happened, someone had stood up. I think, too far to one side, in an effort to drag a poor drowning woman on board. Let's swim towards the raft but keep free of it and don't get your clothes caught."

LOST IN WRECK



LOUBI CANNON.

JOHNSON FAMILY ESCAPES FROM WRECK WITHOUT LOSS OF SINGLE MEMBER.

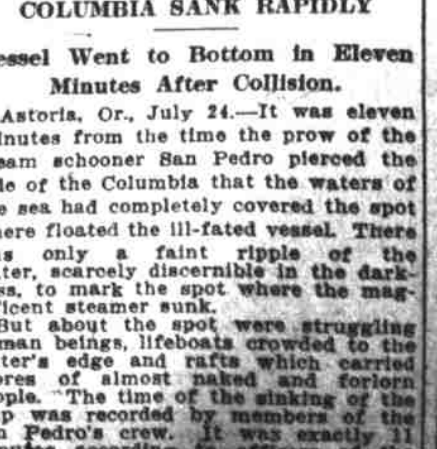


Mrs. J. A. Johnson.

COLUMBIA SANK RAPIDLY

Vessel Went to Bottom in Eleven Minutes After Collision. Astoria, Or., July 24.—It was eleven minutes from the time the prow of the steamer schooner San Pedro pierced the side of the Columbia that the waters of the sea had completely covered the spot where floated the ill-fated vessel.

LOST IN WRECK



MRS. R. B. CANNON.